

Young God Divine Armaments

Arc 3 - Baselion Continent

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Chapter 49 – A Dangerous Homecoming

Because of some unforeseen happenings, the party are now visiting the dragonkin village.

The dragonkin create their small village in an untrodden and secluded place far from human settlement because they have decided to cut all contact with the lower world a few centuries ago. Even when the dragonkin cut all contact with human, they already learn human languages and have developed their own unique culture.

Elvira's hometown is also one of such small villages where a small number of dragons live.

It was located in Barzelion continent that is located to the north of Eribairis continent.

This continent unique trait is that it divided into a few small kingdoms and each kingdom has their own unique culture and development progress.

In that continent, there is a steep mountain range that the locals believe to be the home of dragons. The mountain range is too severe that no normal human are able to transverse them. For human in this world who hasn't yet found a way for them to fly in the sky, reaching the dragon's village is but a mere dream.

That is the dragon hidden village.

Elvira's hometown is located in the middle of the mountain and by utilizing their dragon's strength, they cultivate the surrounding area and create a mountain village there.

There are some who create their house by clearing out the mountains and forest around and then from the timber lumbered from the surrounding forest,

creates a wooden hut complete with its furniture. Or there also some who clear the area around the valley and just use any natural cave found there as a home. Their approach to construction technique is just far different when compared to the humans. And some area of the mountain is dotted with those unique building constructed by the dragons.

Their first and foremost principal rule is self sufficiency. Because of this, the dragons also construct farm and ranch to support themselves. They do that in so they can adequately fulfill their need independently even within this unique community which totally denies outside contact.

Once Deen said that their family is the one who manages the tribe, in other word Deen and Elvira's father is the village chief. Yet the house of Blackford family which has a higher position from those others doesn't seem to have any difference when compared to other dragon's wooden huts. It seems like there are no disparity by birth or by position inside the dragon's community.

With Deen's guide, Renya and his party arrive at a room that is probably a living room inside the Blackford family's house. There are a few chairs and a big table that could fit a few people to have a gathering here but looking at the house as a whole, it was crudely constructed. They give the impression that there is no need for luxury or rather there is no meaning in having it even.

After a while, an old man who had the same hair color as Elvira enters the living room. He is a slender type of man just like Deen but he has a sharp gaze which one wouldn't think an old man like him would have. From the old man gaze, it can be clearly felt just how superior the blood lines of a dragon is compared to the other living being.

"War god Renya-sama, it is my pleasure to meet you. Please let me introduce myself. I'm the one who manages over this village, Ard'hel Blackford"

"It is my pleasure to meet you too. Please forgive us for our sudden visit today"

"No, it's alright. I've heard the circumstances from my son on the way back. I

am already very grateful of you for taking a good care of my daughter yet we even trouble a divine being such as you with our dragonkin problem.....”

“I’ve said it to Deen-san before but Elvira’s hometown trouble is also our trouble. I can’t stand being just a spectator. There’s no need for you to feel grateful at me because this is the thing that I personally wished for”

“Renya-sama.....”

“Just think of it as the god who betrothed your daughter selfishly cleans up a problem because he doesn’t like it. I just do what I want to do. If I don’t like it even if millions of people beg me for it I will never ever do it. I just that kind of selfish, true-to-his-heart god”

“Huhuhu, I see. Indeed it is a god privilege to say things like that. But Renya-sama, almost every gods of this world also say similar things like what you have just said. The only differences are only the orientation of where that selfishness will go. And that is will that god selfishness harm the one living in the lower plane or will it bless them instead”

In short, Renya’s remark gradually getting more and more similar to a true gods’ remark. Even when he only try to persuade Ard’hel to not worry much about him helping them but it seems like it only brings a reversed effect from what he expected. Renya can only scratch his own head with troubled expression. He don’t know that it his laid back attitude is already enough to pacify the dragon chief from worrying too much.

“But then again even if you are indeed a god, challenging an opponent without trying to look for its info is a height of retardness. If you don’t mind, I want to give an explanation about the current situation.....”

“Of course! Please do”

“Then..... first about the current situation. The seal in question is located in the northern plaza. As we speak now, several dragons that excels at sealing skill are suppressing down the seal to hold down the unsealing process”

"So it means that you managed to maintain the present equilibrium right?..... But that surely wouldn't last long would it?"

"Yes. Even to just maintain the current equilibrium have made a few of our numbers to suffer heavy wound"

In short, they somehow managed to keep the seal suppressed but that won't be for long.

The one who have responsibilities to carry on the dragon bloodline, the dragon pup, and a few other who are responsible with nurturing them had already evacuate from this place. Those who stay behind already have the resolution to seal back the evil dragon even if they had to exchange their life for it. So as Ard'hel continue his explanations.

"We can't let that evil dragon, Niezgund, to escape his seal and cause destruction again in the world. That thing is a cannibal that had dragon slayer factor embedded with its power. If that thing were to get released again then all of the dragonkin except for itself would destined to get doomed!"

"Even being a dragon itself yet it has a same-race slayer factor within its body. This is really such a good plot to come..... anyway, indeed with an opponent like that I could understand why your ancestor can only try sealing him away"

"Plot? Err... Yes. Just look at the damages it caused when it's menacing energy wave get leaked out of the seal when the seal was hit by that stupid guy. Even with just its leaked energy wave is already enough to make several dragons suffered from heavy wound. Just thinking about that already made many of our kin tremble in fear. And if just the energy wave is this much deadly, what will happen when it finally emerge fully from the seal?"

The scene when the seal gets broken can easily be imagined by them: a total massacre.

“But then again what did that retard..... excuse me, that dragon who tried to tamper the seal have in his mind? What did he want to achieve by it?”

“Even though the family who is responsible for guarding the stone pillar which is the foundation of the seal had collected all the necessary references regarding the disaster Niezgund brought in the ancient times, It also baffles me why the third son of that family would get this fearless when dealing with that evil dragon. Is it maybe because he is the third son that he doesn’t get involved to much in the family roles? Or is it because his experience from having contacts with the humans that made him gets such a funny and totally retarded idea?”

“That is indeed reasonable. If he thinks too positively that he would only receives the power while leaving the seal intact then that scenario really has a big chance striking home”

“There’s no other way to confirm this beside asking that guy directly but..... there’s no need for such thing. From the point where he done the taboo of touching the seal, his family is already giving up on rescuing him. They even don’t care if we are to seal him in together with the evil dragon”

“Well, our current situation is really a difficult one so I understand the principle of sacrificing one to save hundred. But I just don’t expect them to just let it go easily like this. Didn’t the dragons only have a few in numbers.....?”

“That’s exactly why we need to be swift even when carrying out a decision that might be seen as cruel. If we still fuss about his life in such critical time and made us lose our focus and at that time another life is lost because of that then all would be for naught. Moreover, I think you have heard the rumors but even his family is already got fed up by that 3rd son boy foolish act”

“..... I feel I can understand that. It seems like there is already no way to helping this retard out. And that this decision is also a shared opinion for all the dragons in the village”

“That’s right. There should be a limit on thinking too highly of yourself in this world! I don’t know how many time I had think of it nowadays but if I know thing would end up this way then I should’ve just let that guy reduces his height by a total of one head with the reason of his rudeness in wooing Elvira! Even

with only remembering his superficial face right now made me want to spit up some fire literally!"

Against those who have committed crime, you must not pardon them even if they are from your own family.

Hearing that, Renya is thinking that such harsh way of thinking is also adapted by the dragons even when they are from the different race from human.

But at the same time, He also thinks that even the dragons have a too overprotective parent as well.

Ard'hel current fit of rage was merely from remembering that retard when he comes to woo his daughter. Only that and yet his fit of anger is unexplainably explosive without any clear reasons.

Does this perhaps meant that, after this series of event had cleared, he still have to resolute himself more than ever? Now that he realizes it, he put more resolution into a certain matter quietly. In another point of view, the evil dragon that he about to face is just a cute weaklings in front of the 'true' last boss he will face after. He just can't shake off this premonition of his.

But from Ard'hel way of speaking, it has cleared another one of Renya's worry. He doesn't have any intent to save the retard even from the start so it really relieves him a lot. Renya feel less pressure from the coming fight and become carefree like always but there is still one point that he needs to affirm no matter what.

"I already most of the situation. But Ard'hel-san, I want to confirm one last thing with you. Is it okay?"

"Fumu. Please speak"

"Right, So what I want to say is, will it become a problem if I ---- defeat the evil dragon instead of sealing it?"

"Come again?"

“No no, you said it before that your purpose is to ‘seal again’ so I’ve been thinking. Because I, a god, had decided to help you so why not clear this problem away once and for all so you won’t have to worry about it again in the future? Or is there any reasons that need the evil dragon to keep sealed in no matter what?”

“N-no..... of course if we can eliminate it completely then it would be for e best.....”

“Understood. Well then, with this war god full power, I will try to answer your expectation perfectly”

With that, he had finished his business here.

Riding on that impetus, Renya stand up and leave for his battle. Of course the girls in his company follow suit to Renya’s action, and Elvira is also included in that party.

“Elvira..... Are you going too? Your opponent will be that cannibal same-race-killer evil dragon you know?”

“I understand father’s worry. But, right now, I’m one of Renya-sama’s wives. If my husband is going forward into war then it is naturally my duty as a wife to support that back”

“That is indeed one of our dragon tribe’s traditional teaching..... however”

“Have you heard the news father? Renya-sama is someone who had won a fight against that famous Thunder God Alberg. Even if that thing is called evil dragon, that thing is after all ‘something that failed’ in reaching the realm of god. With Renya-sama ---- and us, his wives, fighting it, there is no way for us to lose”

Ard’hel could only get shocked from hearing the news from his daughter.

Of course he had known about the thunder god Alberg. As the native god of this world, when restricted to their martial prowess in the field of fighting,

Alberg is definitely this world big five in term of strength.

And to hear that a young god who haven't even passes a year since his ascension have managed to get the better of him, just how impossible is that?

But, what surprises Ard'hel is not only that fact.

It was because Elvira had used 'us, his wives' when speaking before. It means that those human girls will also join the battle! Those puny humans that from a dragon point of view would get blown off if they sneezed, moreover a woman at that, are fighting alongside with the war god!?

Even if a dozen of dragons try to fight the evil dragon, the best that they can are only barely to maintain the seal yet his daughter Elvira confidently declares that the war god with only a few of his followers would manage to eliminate that evil dragon completely.

If other people were to say that, there will be no one that believes them so why is it indeed?

Why is it when his daughter declares that and he once again observe Renya and his party closely, Ard'hel couldn't help thinking that those words are definitely not just some mere boasting.

Even with his biased view for his daughter, Ard'hel would still think that Elvira's power is but a far cry against the evil dragon.

However, the sight of his daughter when obediently following after the back of the youth whose real identity is the war god that stands at the center of his group seemed far stronger than any other dragon while also being the most beautiful.

This youth with just a few months time could already push his daughter existence power up by leaps and bound like this? Or is it simply because the love that his daughter always desires, the pair where she can loved and be loved without holding back that she had thought to be nonexistent in this

world, had suddenly come true and stimulate her rapid growth?

Against the speechless Ard'hel, Renya turns his face back and with a gentle smile says:

"Your worry is not unjust but, be it the retard who thinks too highly of himself or be it the evil dragon who is nothing but a nuisance, I definitely won't let any of them to touch even one strand of Elvira's hair! Just wait for our good news. The day when this village becomes free from the menace of the evil dragon is near"

Renya calmly left the living room.

Well then ---- shall we start exterminating some retard?

Chapter 50 – Don’t Even Deserve My Passage of Legend

Deep inside the village, there was an altar on a clearing surrounded by the mountains. In the center of the shrine is a stone monument from which a deadly miasma that can kill even a dragon who carelessly approached, is brimming out endlessly.

The miasma seemed to be getting more distorted and crooked over and over again like it was showing the twisted nature of the evil dragon.

The ominous jet black miasma was sealed inside a barrier yet it was still coiling around the stone monument as it seemed to expand and cover the whole village.

A few dragon shamans were holding up the barrier so that the miasma won’t be released from the barrier and bring disaster to them. They were working together to support the barrier and everyone was desperately trying to hold on the barrier with their own lives at stakes, but they can’t hold out for much longer. Even from a glance, Renya can tell that they were ignoring their own fatigue and keep on pushing their limit to hold the barrier. Their limits were nearing.

Yet despite the desperate situation the dragons faced, Renya walked leisurely towards the stone monument.

He walked forward with an imposing aura behind and his steps were firm. His face doesn’t show the face of a challenger ---- it was the face of subjugator instead.

One of the dragon shamans finally realized Renya and his party’s appearance and in a panic, tried to warn them not to advance further.

“H-Halt! I don’t know who you are but it is dangerous...”

"Ah don't worry, we will be alright. We already heard the situation. Floria, what do you think?"

"No problemo~~ I can hold out this barrier by myself, yes sir!"

"Is that so? Then I'm sorry but today you will work backstage. You don't mind right? I will get back as soon as I can so hold the fort okay?"

"Hoi hoi~, well then up we go~!"

Floria paced towards the barrier then she held her hand up lightly overhead and released her divine powers just big enough to swallow the whole barrier and put it under her control. The situation around the barrier a second ago was like a fierce fighting between the barrier and miasma where sparks of fire would ignite on many spot on the barrier's surface. Yet, when Floria undertook the task and re-cast the barrier herself, the momentum is fully tilted towards the barrier in an instant.

The dragon shamans suddenly felt that the pressure they received from holding up the barrier was gone and they fell limply on their butts absentmindedly from where they stood just a second ago. The weaker ones who was already exhausted beyond their limits just fell unconscious on the spot.

The female dragon shaman who tried to warn Renya and his party just a moment ago was bewildered by what happened in a moment before her eyes so she couldn't help asking him.

"E-excuse me..... But what are you guys actually.....?"

"I'm sorry but I have no time to explain that. Just ask Ard'hel-san who will come after shortly. Well then, everyone, let's go!" [Editor Notes: Fucking shit Renya you motherfucker. Answering just 'I Am A God!' would have made your life easier instead of saying that shit.]

“““Yes””” Brenda and the other girls replied solemnly to Renya's call. Renya then leisurely walked forward and entered the barrier.

Because they have entered the area polluted with the miasma, he had steeled himself for any harmful effects that the miasma might bring them especially the girls but the air inside the barrier isn't that much different from the air outside. Even Elvira whom he thought would get the most negative influence from the miasma wasn't even affected in the least. Renya simply felt that things had gone too much anticlimactic.

"Renya-sama's status as a god seems to have risen And Floria-san seems to be influenced by that power too."

"I know the reason but, I think that Floria's case is another matter unrelated to it. I bet she's just somehow managed to forcefully overpower the miasma with her own strength without even needing any influence from my power"

In Renya's mind, he could even imagine Floria saying something like 'for this kind of squeaky part? Do it with a whoosh! Then for the other part give it a wheeze!' when holding down the miasma from outside. He just can't drive away that imagination from his mind. But then again, if Floria heard this, then he have a bad premonition where she would definitely get mad and protest that she won't say anything roughly like that.

While they approach the altar enshrining the stone monument, they talked about their battle plan only for a little but they mainly only talked leisurely among themselves.

Reaching the stone monument, Renya saw a guy sitting on the ground leaning his back into the stone monument stretching his legs lazily. His eyes are tightly locked onto Renya and his party.

He had a messy and unkempt light brown hair. He also had a pair of bad looking eyes. With his eyes and hair combined, that guy really looked like an ill-mannered hoodlum. He is just too different from Elvira and if someone said that the guy is not a dragon, Renya might even believe it. Did he really came from the same clan as Elvira?

“What? Who the fxxk are you people..... Wait, Oi Oi! Isn’t that Elvira coming for me? Heh heh”

He does not only look like a hoodlum, he also speaks like one. Renya’s impression of the guy dropped even lower in his mind, he could see the qualities of a small fry more clearly. Well, his assessment for the guy is already low to begin with.

“Fiord, I already thought of you as imprudent, but now you have fallen so low as to desecrate the evil dragon seal. Just what are you thinking doing such a dangerous thing?”

“Duh~ do you even need to ask? I’m gonna steal this shxxty evil dragon power and using that, I will forcefully make you mine!”

Even his way of thinking is that of a hoodlum. When things get too standardized like this then even Renya and his party are made speechless. Mistaking their silence as fear, Fiord is getting even more excited with his speech

“It will be soon..... I will then raze this annoying village to the ground! And then I will have you, who had humiliated me so much in the past, cry loudly while I ravish you, HAHAHA! Just get yourself ready fobuWARGH!?”

Fiord continues boasting his plan with triumphal attitude but before he finished saying the last part, a high speed light bullet flew towards him, hitting him on the cheek, then exploding with the power of a slap. Moreover with a bit time lag, the bullets hit him alternatively from the left and right sides of the cheeks knocking him to the opposite direction each time making it look like he was getting hit by a series of slaps.

And the shooter was surprisingly not Renya. The shooters were actually Therese and Brenda. Renya had decided from the start to ignore the guy completely. The two girls were willing to hear what he has to say first but if they judge that it was just a waste of time then they will immediately attack just as how Renya told them in the fighting plan.

“I don’t have time to hear your small fry speech about borrowing other’s power to fulfill your desire. Let me tell you, if it meant making my women happy then I will not spare any effort and it is my principle is to solve bothersome things right away”

“The fxxk are you saying.....?”

Fiord then tried to intimidate Renya who clearly looked down on him but is ineffective. Most of the normal human would definitely trembles in fear under a dragon’s glaring but, Renya is not a normal human. He is a god. After all, he is just a small fry who only used his power from birth to oppress other weaker beings so Renya can’t even feel afraid.

“There are still other important problems to deal with so let’s get this done fast. Brenda, Therese, with your power now, you should be able to beat this small fry dragon without breaking a sweat. Go get him!”

“Of course. Even if you don’t say anything I will still hit him with my full power”

“I don’t like this kind of crude people desu!”

Therese who does not needing to charge anymore attacked immediately, and shot out a barrage of light bullet rain in rapid succession. Fiord who had been lying lazily in the floor is unable to react to the barrage of attacks and became like a sandbag getting pulverized.

Therese then managed to hit Fiord from a very precise angle and she

successfully blew him off the air. After that, Therese kept shooting Fiord from a lower angle to keep him dancing up in the air like a broken puppet without letting him fall to the ground. Therese had successfully done the juggling trick shot to him.

“Ouch, wa, stop, y, you, fxxker!”

He can only speak incongruous words from being juggled like a ball, fully under the control of Therese’s light bullet and the shock from each hit made him unable to continue his speaking. Everyone witnessing the scene couldn’t help but to admire Therese’s high skill in using her gun. Maybe from her concentration to not drop the ball, her gaze unknowingly started to turn cold and sharp unlike that of her usual cute angelic expression. Renya felt that this side of Therese looks dependable but at the same time, scary as well. Well, so as not to let others feel his confusion, he just continued replying to the juggling ball instead with a negligent tone.

“Who’s gonna wait for you? In the first place I don’t have any intention to have a chat with a guy like you who knows that his enemies are coming yet still lazily sat around laughing carelessly. When you can defeat your enemy, do it immediately. That is the ironclad rule of war”

Remaining steady still like a mountain, Renya crossed his arms and gave Fiord a mocking gaze.

In his back, Brenda finally finished constructing her magic rune formula.

[Freezing], [Blizzard], [Condense], [Crush], [Extreme Winter]

It was a composite magic of 5 nodes of runes.

From the many magic that Brenda can cast, this combination is among her most high leveled ones, the high ranked ice magic.

And that magic’s name is the [Freezing Coffin].

It is a magic that not only freezes the outer parts of the target but instead, freezes the target deep down to their bone like exposing them to the chilling wind from the extreme winter and it will freeze them until the target's body got smashed to pieces. That magic is one of the greatest and the most brutal anti creature ice magic.

Fiord's body was covered by a coffin made of white snow and ice and is getting frozen over.

"Wha, why, you lowly, human, magic, I'm!"

Fiord's question is reasonable. No matter how many rank 5 mages tried to attack a dragon with their high leveled magic simultaneously, it would still be very hard to injure the dragon. You can say that it was their species special characteristic, the dragons are naturally, to an extent, able to resist most of attacks they receive from any living being that is ranked lower than them. The dragons by default have a high level of endurance from birth.

But that natural defense isn't working against Brenda's magic and the [Freezing Coffin] managed to exhibit its full power when hitting Fiord's body. And now, Fiord's body that already got frozen still continued dancing strangely in the air. Each time the light bullet hit him, bit by bit, his flesh smashed and turned into bits of white grain similar to snowflakes scatter into nothing.

The answer to why Brenda could penetrate a dragon's natural defense is because..... she already did 'it' with Renya.

Just like how Floria got influenced by Renya's power, Brenda also had changed somehow after she experienced her first with him. It was only a bit but Brenda's body had reformed into a body that can now channel, receive, and contain Renya's divine power.

Because of that reformation, even if the effect is just minute, Brenda's body has become closer to that of a god's. And this is the result of that. She is now able to ignore a dragon's natural defense because she is no longer a being that

is lower ranked than a dragon. Divine power really is through and through, the origin of miracle that caused abnormal phenomenon in this kind of fantasy world.

Fiord's limbs was already blown off and the frost magic slowly encroach his body gradually as well. He already got frozen to the point where he can barely move his lips. If Therese were to stop her shooting barrage now, he will definitely die. It was just like a glass sculpture it fell from a high place, the result is something that everyone can imagine including Fiord. He can only wait for the inevitable to come.

"F, Fxxk this all....."

"The appetizer should act like how an appetizer does and warm the place for the main event, right? You are just a clown that tries to rise by depending on other's power while troubling many other in the process. This kind of end is actually too good for you. You better be thankful to me"

Hearing Renya's words, Therese silently stopped her barrage.

CRANK! A loud sound of a glass breaking echoed loudly in the area of the stone monument. And at the same moment, Fiord had met his end.

The power that was yet to be achieved by him through sacrificing other people, the power that he misunderstood as his own yet still hadn't the chance to use, had brought this small fry dragon to his end. And the way he met his end where not even a single part of his body left behind was truly pitiable. Well, he reaped what he sown.

"Humph! Who gonna let a hoodlum like you have your way with Elvira? Don't you dare to even dream it!"

Renya seemed to be really mad from what Fiord said before that he even spat out insults at him unintentionally when his insult target is already no longer of

this world. Renya quickly realized that it was not good to do that in battle so he shook his head then turned his gaze onto the stone monument.

“Until when did you want to keep acting as a spectator? Get out quickly! If not, then I will blow you along with your seal you know ---- Niezgund!”

Renya’s words are akin to a signal that made the miasma that had started to calm down a while ago to start bursting forth again and unlike before when the miasma just tried to spread out as far as possible, it is now gathered in front of the stone monument instead. And from that accumulation of miasma, a shape started to form gradually.

The miasma started to take the shape of an unknown figure made of black gas as its flesh in the beginning but it gradually took a clearer shape that can easily be recognized as a [dragon]. When the dragon figure started to get clearer, a dull heavy sound started to reverberate.

[..... CAN’T DECEIVE YOU LIKE HOW I DECEIVED THE SMALL FRY EH]

“If you want to hide then why don’t you just possess that retard’s body?”

[..... HAH! THAT PATHETIC DRAGON ISN’T QUALIFIED TO BECOME MY VESSEL..... I THOUGHT I CAN USE HIM AS A DECOY TO BUY ME SOME TIME UNTIL I FINISH RECONSTRUCTING MY BODY BUT..... SUCH USELESS THING.....]

The speed which the miasma gathered went even faster. Brenda and Therese were also readying themselves for their next battle. But then suddenly, the dragon’s neck moved a bit and turned its gaze towards Elvira.

[.....BUT EVEN SO, IT WAS STILL A GOOD BAIT IN THE END. BECAUSE IT STILL MANAGED TO LURE IN A DRAGON THAT IS QUALIFIED TO BECOME MY VESSEL]

“..... Don’t tell me”

“..... THAT’S RIGHT! IT IS THIS DRAGON GIRL HERE. IF IT’S HER THEN SHE MIGHT BE BARELY ABLE TO BECOME A VESSEL FOR ME WHO’S POWERS ARE COMPARABLE TO THAT OF A GOD!”

That evil dragon suddenly struck Elvira with his black gas claw like he is some great predator finding a first rate prey. But its claw attack is successfully parried by a swing from the halberd that Elvira wields. That halberd shines from being envelopes by Elvira’s own draconic strength but that is already enough to repel the evil dragon’s attack which contained the power of same race killer, the [Dragon Slayer].

“You are nothing but just a disgraceful same race killer dragon so please don’t try touching me so casually. I am now already the War God, Renya-sama’s possession. If you even dare to touch me again with that dirty paws of yours then I will burn you to cinders with my dragon breath”

[..... ARE YOU TRYING TO DEFY ME YOU LASS!? AS LONG AS YOU ARE A DRAGON, YOU DON’T HAVE ANY HOPE IN ESCAPING MY CURSE.....!]

This time, it was not an attack from the figure that was made up from the black gas but it was the miasma that rushed forward instead and wrapped up Elvira completely.

That miasma would make a dragon’s skin rot and the flesh spoiled. It was the the manifestation of the malicious will that desired the demise of the dragons. The malicious will of the evil dragon resurrected in the present time turned back to a gas that doesn’t have any shape and attacks forward.

It seems that the evil dragon thought that if it is a gas with no shape then it cannot be defended or deflected in any way but that way of thinking is a little too imprudent in this situation.

Because right now, there is a sword that was boosted to the max with divine power.

And the one who wields that sword can even slay a god with a single swing.

A violent torrent of divine power burst up. And with just from the shockwave it made, the miasma that surrounded Elvira under the command of the evil dragon dissipated in a blink of an eye.

“Elvira, are you okay?”

“Yes, I’m alright. Renya-sama is protecting me”

“But of course. Then again that dragon slaying miasma really is a troublesome thing. Just in case, we have to be extra careful. I don’t want to lose you just because of this boring trouble. Anyway, leave the rest to me”

“..... Yes, I understand. Renya-sama, I pray for your victory”

“Hearing Elvira send me out with such cheer is enough to make me invincible. I definitely won’t lose”

Renya smiled gently towards Elvira and stood in front of her to shield her.

“Geez..... An out of date dragon actually have the guts to become conceited. Hey you, listen closely to what I’m going to say”

Renya extend his hand and hugged Elvira’s waist then tug her closer to him. After drawing Elvira close to him, he says brazenly:

“Elvira is already mine! Don’t you dare touching her with your rotten paw”

[..... YOU BASTARD.....! FINE, THEN I WILL START BY EATING YOU FIRST. AFTER THAT, I WILL DESTROY THIS VILLAGE ALONG WITH ALL THE BORING PEOPLE LIVING HERE.....!]

“Who gonna let you do both? You have truly made me mad. I will make you regret and think that it was better being sealed instead after I am done with

you!"

The one who had ascend to become a god and the one who failed to become a god is now confronting each other.

Chapter 51 – The Silver War God

[GRUOOOOOOO!!]

The black miasma akin to the darkness that swallows everything condensed together and took the form of a dragon.

From being in a gaseous state, it formed a body that with substance.

A dragon clad in ominous looking miasma and scales that were as if dirtied with mud appeared there.

Just as the dragon said itself, it really still hadn't had enough time to recover his body. Foul smell was coming from the rotten flesh in several places all over its decomposing body. Its appearance was the mainstream concept of an undead dragon.

[..... EVEN WITHOUT A COMPLETE BODY, I STILL CAN ERASE YOU EASILY.....!]

“Hmm, an undead dragon eh? I see, so that must be why this thing can only say boring jokes like that”

[..... I DARE YOU TO SAY THAT AGAIN.....]

“It seems you are still unaware just [who] it is standing in front of you. No wonder your nose is all rotten. Even your senses are all dull. If you don't try recovering your body and run away quickly instead, there still might be some ways for you to survive ---- but well, I don't intend on letting you run though”

[.....DON'T BE SO COCKY..... YOU PUNY LIVING BEING.....!]

Seeing Renya act all calm and composed before him, enraged Niezgund. The evil dragon then swung down its gigantic claw that could easily crush anything the size of a human. It was literally a showdown between someone who looking down and someone looking up.

The dragon sought respect befitting its high station and it should have been right but...

But Renya easily repelled Niezgund's gigantic claw with his right hand. Seeing how his giant claw got repelled by a human's thin hand, for the first time, Niezgund started to wonder what kind of being was standing before him.

The evil dragon felt that it has a higher point of view, higher physical strength, and higher rank of existence when compared to the puny being in front of him.

Niezgund kept on believing that, but finally, it started to wonder whether his judgement is wrong.

Renya and the evil dragon stood still at their respective positions.

Renya was looking up while the evil dragon was looking down. Those postures remained unchanged as well.

Yet Niezgund actually felt that the one being looked down upon was actually itself.

[..... WHAT THE.....?]

"Weak, just too weak. Elvira's attack when we first met was even stronger than that"

From his body, Renya's divine powers were released like a typhoon. From within Renya standing at the eye of the storm, his divine powers was overflowing much that it consequently disrupts the physical laws around him.

"You were just freed from the seal that imprison you, and you don't have a clear information about the changes in the world nor your own condition. From your long slumber, time had flown too long and everything in this world had left you behind. Yet, you think that you are still at the top of all beings and only

thinking of slaying your own race. You say 'Aren't you getting carried away?' but that's my line. I don't really like acting this way you know but well ---- Who the fxck do you think you are Evil Dragon!?"

Renya isn't really fond of using words to express contempt for his enemies, but of course there are some exceptions.

And that exception is the time when he feels the need to show his fortitude as a god.

Times when his enemy is looking down on his dignity as a god or the times when his family and friends would meet harm, Under those circumstances, he will definitely stands and fight.

And then ---- the matter that he prioritizes the most is...

When he doesn't need to do anything else besides extermination. He will act like this when he judges his enemies are unworthy of his compassion.

He would act as a war god who won't give his mercy or compassion.

"You just gave me the perfect opportunity to test out my new authority. Repent! All the choices that you took are wrong!"

Renya's whole body suddenly began to shine.

The divine power overflowing from his body started to construct an unclear figure.

It was just like how Niezgund mysteriously reconstructed his own body with his evil miasma, Renya's divine power also knitted itself into a figure.

"I, clad in my god's garment, will bring forth my authority as a god! Godly Transformation!"

(Eros: The Japanese is kinda neat. God's garment is read as kamui and the authority as a god also read as kamui. And he also does a henshin or morphing

scene like those of kamen rider but instead of the normal henshin [变身] or [metamorphose], he used henshin [転神] which from the kanji mean [transforming into a god] and for the English... I've tried orz)

(Editor: Fucking chuuni author played with words.)

The flickering light transformed into a suit of armor.

The emitted light transformed into authority.

Those two meld into one ---- within the body of this god.

It was a silver full body armor that has a faint streak of blue decorating it.

It was not a full plate armor type that covers his whole body, it only covers his chest, forearms, legs, and other places that is deemed important for protection. It was classified as a light armor equipment type which design emphasis more on mobility rather than protection.

Besides the armor, another great change that happened in Renya's body is that, his hair had turned silver and shining bright from reflecting the lights around.

That hair color is the hair color of the previous war god, and also Floria's hair color. With this transformation, it shows that Renya had made another step closer to godhood.

A red muffler is wrapped around his neck and is fluttering away from the blowing wind.

On top of a tall slim pillar.

Or on the edge of a steep cliff.

With his look after transformation, those are the best places for him to stand as he look down upon everything underneath him while crossing his arms, standing tall and firm.

"This [armor] and [authority] is the [divine armament] that is meant to help even the inexperienced me to achieve victory in fighting!"

This is exactly Renya's new authority that was granted to him by the thunder god Alberg.

Renya is yet able to wield his full power as a god except when he is inside the god's realm. His body has not evolved enough as a god to enable him to wield his divine power to its full potential. But when he is in the god's realm, the environment helps to support his body, enabling him in using his full potential. And all that supportive abilities that the god's realm has are all manifested into this armor.

He took a glance to his armor covered body and gave a nod of satisfaction.

(So it becomes like this eh? In the end, this is the only image that I have when I heard what kind of authority it was)

In truth, when Renya heard the explanation of his new authority from Alberg that day, the only thing that appeared in his mind was only about those tokusatsu heroes who turned into a giant of light to fight against those giant monsters from space back in earth.

Or those heroes who receive remodeling operation enabling them to transform into masked riders.

Or the group of heroes who morph into different colored rangers and combine their weapon into one to defeat the threat of calamity from outer space.

(Eros: Tokusatsu: life action hero movies with lots of special effects ie: Ultraman, masked rider, and power rangers)

Whoever he is, as long as they are a guy, they would always have a special kind of feeling towards the word transformation.

And Renya is not an exception to that. It can be said that his actual motivation was not to subjugate the Evil Dragon in front of him but to try out this new authority of his. Looking at his own self right now, even when he has become a war god, he still screams out loud like a young boy inside his heart.

Feeling the burst of divine power in the air getting stronger with his own skin, Niezgund finally started to realize just what kind of being was standing in front of him.

[..... AUTHORITY..... YOU SAID?..... YOU BASTARD..... DON'T TELL ME.....]

It was a low terrifying grumble sound like usual, but this time, the color of fear and unrest clearly mixed in with it. Renya can only sigh in his heart 'so you realize just now?'. He looked at the evil dragon with a pitying gaze and whispered:

"So you finally realize just what kind of [being] I am? But too late. If you want to blame someone then blame that retard who unsealed you because he tried to put his dirty paw on my Elvira!"

Because if it was not for him making this mess, then there would be no reason in particular for Renya to visit the dragon's village. Or maybe if he doesn't have his fateful encounter with Elvira and fell in love with her then Niezgund might safely revive from his sealed condition. All of those chance encounters stacks up and bring misfortune to Niezgund which make it seems pitiful, but even so, Renya don't intent to give any mercy to it.

Because this fool of a dragon had also tried to put it's dirty paw on Elvira, that offense is only punishable by death.

"Silver War God, Renya Eastle. As of now, I will become the blade which will

slay the evil dragon!"

Renya release a strong killing intent and pressure from all over his body. His cold gaze towards the evil dragon showed a strong glint of his resolve to kill.

The evil dragon was overpowered by Renya's aura and unintentionally took a step back. A giant dragon like itself, a being that stand atop other living beings in this world, actually felt fear from a being that doesn't even have half its size and actually took a step back.. Niezgund is bewildered by the unintentional action that it took.

Renya lift his left hand in front of him and with that, a part of his gauntlet slide aside automatically. And what appears from inside is a sword's handle.

He then grabbed the handle with his right hand and pulled it out as if pulling it out from its scabbard. And then a sword appeared in his right hand.

It was the raging tempest god's dragon slaying sword, the 'Ame no Habakiri'.

It was the dragon slaying sword that he used when dueling Elvira the first time they met.

Actually, he can manifest his divine armaments by just willing it to appear out of thin air but now, he summoned it by doing a series of cool pose instead. The reason behind it was actually to taunt Niezgund even more by giving him a show of his strength. Well, we all know that it was actually just Renya wanted to act cool.

Having weapons hidden inside a secret compartment inside his armor and showing off his enemies how he drew out those weapons, that actions really tickles Renya's fanboy heart and he also thought that this pose was really matched for his image as the war god who mainly uses divine armaments.

Feeling pleased with his action, he calmly readied his sword and silently moves one step forward.

[..... WHA..... JUST WHAT IS THAT.....!]

“This? This is a sword that has a similar power as you, the power of a [dragon slayer]. So, how does it feel having the menace that you usually point toward your own brethren now to be pointed at yourself now?”

Just one sword. Because Renya held this one sword in his hand, his dangerous aura rose up by many folds that it finally made Niezgund realize just how menacing the opponent standing before it actually was.

It then tried to overwhelm Renya back with the pressure from its noxious miasma and its natural oppression aura as a dragon but he just simply stood unaffected by it.

In exchange, even with just a simple one step forward from Renya, Niezgund feel like getting an invisible giant blade pointed at its neck and ready to sever its life anytime.

Niezgund finally starts regretting its action.

It blamed itself for not realizing how his senses got dulled after being sealed for so long.

Because if it realized it, it might be able to detect this menacing threat faster and might not opted to open hostility with it.

Why, Why, Why!? That is what filled its brain now.

As the silver war god approached it closer, the evil dragon is getting drown deeper and even deeper in its own regret.

Renya of course couldn't read a dragon's expression. But even so, as a war god, he can still read the emotion and the subtle feelings of his opponents. And what he can currently feel from Niezgund is that it got frozen from fear as if a frog being glared at by a snake. When the evil dragon lost its absolute confidence for its own bloodline and power, the position of the two had already been decided at that moment.

Its fang and claws had psychologically broken. Against this dragon who had

felt the sense of absolute loss, Renya heartlessly announced his judgment.

"Your next sleep will be for eternity ---- if there is a next life, then live the next with a better way of life choices!"

[UUUOOOOOOOO!!! I WON'T LET YOU! I WON'T LET YOU KILL ME EASILY!!!]

With a do or die resolution, Niezgund let out a heart rending howl in desperation to struggle against this inescapable fate.

Maybe the evil dragon acts this way because it still has its last shred of pride as a dragon. Even when the death god's scythe approached it closer and closer and it definitely couldn't do anything to defy it, it still refused to obediently die without giving resistance.

Even under the absolute despair, the evil dragon still refused to let go of its pride as a dragon until the very last of its breath. Seeing the evil dragon's reaction, Renya felt that it deserves a praise for that.

Whatever one's race is, their heart would definitely get swallowed by the darkness under this kind of absolute despair situation. And those who refused to succumb to the despair and still chose to give out one last struggle are in the rarity.

After giving out the howl to rouse itself from its own fear, Niezgund immediately acts out. It then charged forward with its open giant mouth to swallow and crunch Renya inside. But Renya returned fire by doing an uppercut with his bare handed left hand aimed at the evil dragon's chin. A counter attack! This uppercut counter might seem casual but even with only that, the evil dragon's head bent up in an exaggerated position from receiving the blow. Renya's face is the very picture of calm and serene condition on the surface but he is actually very surprised with the power of his own punch.

He already knew that theoretically, in his current state, his body strength is amplified by many folds but even he didn't expect it to be this much. So this is

how it feels to have a complete godly body, as Renya came to an understanding while he immobilize Niezgund who unyieldingly still tried to struggle despite just receiving a painful counter.

Renya immobilized the evil dragon with the familiar black rope. Yes, that godlike apprehension tool which he also used against Elvira.

The evil dragon got strangled by the [Night Crucifixion] and strained, unable to move. Renya still has the Ame no Habakiri in his hand yet he also uses Night Crucifixion at the same time. He uses [two] divine armaments [simultaneously].

Renya is surprised how smooth the process became that he can also use both with ease.

He felt good from having his power rise but he also remonstrated himself not to be carried away by the almighty feeling that he got.

Be passionate with power, be greedy for power, yet at the same time, don't get drowned in it or get haughty because of it.

It was his oath when he first ascended to godhood. And with his resolution refreshed anew, he unleashed his new power to the world.

“Dual Liberation!”

At that instant, a crimson flare that could even scorch the dragon skin to ash, and intense lightning that could even pierce through the dragon flesh struck Niezgund hard at the same time. Niezgund whose freedom of movement had been robbed can only scream in anguish from getting its flesh destroyed under the war god's tyrannical power. Such crude use of brute force of using simultaneous divine armaments is possible now for Renya who is in the almost perfect god body condition from using the silver armor.

Usually in his normal condition, even if he concentrate hard for it, it will still be difficult for him to use multiple divine armaments simultaneously like this. The Renya now is just the very picture of the divine punisher avatar that had

descended to the mortal plane.

If it was just destroying an opponent, then there are no one that can do it better than the war god. It was his main stage to shine after all.

Niezgund already couldn't exert anymore power and just laid there on the ground. Renya kept his calm walking pace since the start, and finally reached Niezgund's powerless head.

No more words were needed. Just like what Renya said before, this evil dragon had made many wrong choices since the start.

It had failed to see through Renya's true power as a god and it was over-confident with his strength, thinking that there are no other being, even the dragons in the village, that can be a threat for it so the evil dragon took its sweet time reviving.

It was too proud of being a dragon that stood atop other beings and neglected information gathering even when that time is very crucial for the evil dragon to plan for every kind of scenario that might arise after it regained its freedom. And the reward for the evil dragon for its carelessness is not a re-sealment but a complete destruction of its existence. The evil dragon's fate has been sealed as many bad choices piled up one after another.

Renya swung down his sword to Niezgund like as if to blow away the air polluted with the evil dragon's miasma along with its source.

A flash of sword arc danced in the air. And in that instant, everything was already over.

Living up to its name, with a swing from the raging tempest god's dragon slayer sword, it let out a stream of refreshing wind that purified the surrounding air while the dragon slaying power cleanly severed off Niezgund's head.

At that moment, the evil dragon's body turned into black ash and blown away by the wind.

After a long slumber, what awaited for the evil dragon when it awoken at last was actually its ultimate demise.

The majesty of the evil dragon's horrible legend which has been passed through the generations of the dragon kin had left behind nothing in its demise. And all that leads to its demise was just because a war god is by chance having a relationship with the village it got sealed in.

After beating his enemy with ease, Renya is saying something towards the deceased once again.

"A dragon that has an evil nature would bring great disaster in the world. Your existence itself is already a death flag for many other beings. However, I am ---- the god that is famous for breaking any kinds of flag"

Even if Niezgund were to hear that, it is unclear whether that evil dragon would understand what Renya meant by that.

Renya then looked up to the sky. It was a clear weather without any speck of cloud like it was giving its blessing to the coming peace in the village.

Chapter 52 – The Dragon’s Mountain Village’s Hidden Gem

The evil dragon gives out a strong impact from its appearance yet it was easily subjugated by Renya. Anyone who witness it would feel like deceived by its menacing looks but it was only because Renya is just too strong.

Floria who feels that the existence of the evil dragon disappearing do a double check to make sure of it before she release the barrier and approach the party cheerfully. Upon looking at Renya’s new ‘awakened’ looks, she just says:

“It matches! Your armor color and my hair are matches together!”

It was not clear what provokes her but she just says something with unclear meaning and gets all excited by herself. All matter regarding the evil dragon subjugation is finally wrapped up good generally with only this one little disturbance.

The stone altar on the other hand, had endured many showy offensive skills and all the member know that it was now left in ruins with just a gaze. Renya then lower his head to Ard’hel who comes to the area late asking for forgiveness but,

“No need, no need. The annoying evil dragon that used to be sealed here has gone for good now. There are no more reasons to upkeep this stone altar any longer so there are no reasons for you to ask for forgiveness”

He instead almost got rebuked for being too polite. Ard’hel voice was overflowing with happiness. How can he not? After all, he had been troubled for a very very long time that almost seems like an eternity with up keeping the seal of the evil dragon.

And the happiness he felt from getting freed from such eternal trouble makes even the work to tidying up the ruined stone altar seems like a present instead.

Moreover, Ard'hel wants to express his thanks by building a stone monument to sing praises for War God Renya for his great deeds in subjugating the evil dragon but Renya politely refuses that offer. Elvira seems a little disappointed by his rejection though.

After they finished cleaning up the mess made, Renya and his party goes to Elvira's house, the Blackford mansion, to stay there for a while. Even if it was called 'mansion', the house doesn't really seems more luxurious compared to the other building in the village. Only, because Blackford family is, for once, the chief of this village, their house is considerably larger than other buildings as they need to have enough space to hold village meeting or may even need to accept guest from outside the village.

The dragon's village rarely had visitor from outside, even from the other dragon tribes so they don't have such establishment like an inn to accept outsider. So the one who responsible to give the guest accommodation will inevitably fall into the chief family as his house is larger and have rooms to spare.

That night, the village is obviously on a festive mood and held a big party to celebrate.

Everyone was crying from happiness from being liberated from the terror of the evil dragon. Their tears of gratitude mixed in their alcohol and meat dish as they sumptuously devour the feast.

There is one victim that died during the accident but he was treated as a criminal who started all this mess anyway so there is no one feeling sad for him. The dragon kin is very strict towards those who commit crimes even if the perpetrator is from their own family. If they feel the need to consider then they will prudently though for a way out. Inversely, if they think it not worth their consideration, they will be even more heartless than any human and will without hesitation cut them off immediately.

Because of this retarded ‘victim’ stupid conduct, there are many other dragon that got harmed be it big or small so even when they still feel sad the first time they heard the news, they quickly recovers and in the end, no one even feel sad about the retard demise.

Well just left that trifling matter aside, the festival started while enveloped by the dragons’ hot enthusiasm. With that momentum, the party went on maintaining its cheerful mood while there are still some reserved points and ended without any major trouble. From the start until the end, the dragons seem to be just let themselves go with the flow and made the festival looks like a big banquet instead.

These below are the sum of the conversation talked during the festival.

“Alright! I don’t need to clean up that stupid stone monument ever again!”

“Now that the stone monument which just takes up space with no actual use had gone, we can clear the land up and made a ranch on top of it!”

“Long live Renya-sama!”

The talks that mixed in with drinks and singing are summed up like that.

From hearings their talks, one might think that rather than being happy for the evil dragon demise, the dragons are even happier about the possibility to improve their food supply conditions.

After the party ends, Renya and his party received a great reward that they hadn’t expected before.

This village is created by opening up a space in the valley between steep mountains. There are no roads. It was a secluded remote village that no normal

human would ever dream of reaching.

But that is not the main point here. The main point is that the surrounding mountains are dormant volcanoes. With this much clue, everyone should be able to guess what comes next. Yes, the answer is that there is a natural hot spring somewhere in this village.

In this world, bathtub are a generally accepted culture even with the common masses. But the existence of a natural hot spring is still a rarity and priceless. Most of the known hot spring are under the control of people from royalty and made those exclusive only for themselves. There are some kingdoms which open their hot springs for the public for the sake of increasing tourism but alas, outdoor hot spring culture is still an unfamiliar thing in this world.

For Renya and Floria who had already knows about the commonly hot spring culture from earth, and for Elvira who grows up here, this hot spring experience is not that shocking for them but for Brenda and Therese who had not any previous knowledge about this, they seems to be very interested to experience this unknown immediately as they got guided to the location.

But of course the hot spring was separated to the man and woman part. Knowing that fact, Renya almost dropped down on his knees in agony. Seeing Renya acts like that, Elvira suddenly gives out a surprising statement.

"Ah, if you request for it then you can use the mixed bathing area you know? You can say that it was another separate partition used for family uses or to be exact, it was the place for married couple to have [that kind] of enjoyment also"

What a perfect assist that was.

Elvira had decided to unleash her dormant high potential as a devoted wife by giving this follow up. Even Renya can hide his surprise towards Elvira's boldness but he still not hesitating and swiftly request to borrow the mixed bathing area.

At any rate, Floria, Brenda, and Elvira don't give any objection toward his conduct. No, actually, Brenda did object because she still feel embarrassed but she already had an intimate relationship with Renya so she was coaxed by

Renya to do so.

The problem then would only be for Therese but, Elvira comes up with another perfect support as she says that there are bathing suits available.

"In Renya's world, there is a phrase called [naked relationship]. That means to lay all bare and let us know more of each other in order to deepen our friendship. And the best way to do that is by taking a bath together"

Even Floria chip in to persuade Therese until at last she also agrees to join in the mixed bathing.

In the back of Therese who was worrying ceaselessly about the mixed bathing, Floria and Renya made an eye contact and gives each other a thumbs up as a sign of saying 'good job'. Too bad there is no one to witness them exchanging that secret sign.

And then Renya, who about to reach an important milestone for any man who aims for the harem, the mixed bathing event, is lying down in a relaxed pose inside the natural stone hot spring that size could easily contains all 5 of them. He is waiting impatiently for the girls' arrival.

When looking at him being all excited while waiting for the girls, one might want to rebuke him because he had already witnesses 3 of his girls' birthday suit figure. So why did he get too excited like this? (Eros: the raw writes 3. I forgot who. Of course the first two are Floria and Brenda but the last one is a mystery. And nope, not Elvira either)

But if he were to truly hear such comment, then he will definitely reply with the reason of because the place and ambient is different! This is after all, THE mixed hot spring. That is the place which had many special romances for any men.

He kept persisting that his intention to have this mixed bathing event was not for having any sexual related activity. But to have a relaxation while having a

great feast with his eyes (and also a bonus if he managed to have an ‘accidental’ skinship action during the process) which is according to him is very different.

By the way, the girls uniformly agree to separate the changing room so Renya ends up changing by himself and reaches the hot spring first. Renya doesn’t really have any objection to that anyway.

Because Renya knows that showing of one nude figure and being seen when one change is conceptually different for the girls. How he become so tactful like that you ask? It was because he got scolded badly by Brenda before. Naturally, Renya, as a man, doesn’t understand where that ‘conceptual difference’ is but he also not that stupid to force his way up to peek.

The sliding door, which is a rare kind of door in this world, lets out an unique sound as it got opened.

From the inside, the 4 beloved girls of Renya with their respective individual charm have finally showed up.

“UWA~, Awesome! A traditional style natural stone hot spring!”

“Hee~ so this is what a hot spring looks like..... there’s a strange smell though”

“Huhuhu, from the mineral properties of the surrounding land, a hot spring effects and smell will change you know?”

“T-this is great desu..... This must be the so called ‘nature's blessing’ desune!”

Of course everyone wear the thin bathing suit mentioned before. But it was not a problem as when the cloth get wet by the hot spring water, it will definitely stick closely to the skin and will made the wearer’s body line looks very obvious.

Something that looks like a pair of fruits is filling up Renya’s field of vision. Those are 4 sets of fruits with 4 different sizes from extra-large, large, medium, and small. Renya felt that he had stumbled upon a Shangri-la.

(I always been wondering about this..... just why did those wet-sticky-see-through clothes looks even more erotic rather than being directly naked? This is indeed an eroticism mystery.....!)

Even if Renya can't help popping up such kind of rude thinking within his perverted brain, he definitely won't let it out from his mouth. Because if he says it then Therese will definitely runs away with her face all red from embarrassment in which would end this 'good feast' to his eyes.

Luckily for the girls, the hot spring water contains many kinds of mineral that made it looks muddy. At least, if they soak themselves inside the hot spring, it can help them hide their important parts from a clear view. Because of that reason, Therese quickly dips herself inside.

Then again she still feel that if she gets too far, it might seems rude so she stays at an ambiguous distance from Renya, not too far and also not too close.

Inversely, Floria is very bold with her approach. The hot temperature around make her looks gleaming and fresh which in turn make her looks more sensual. Renya who had already seen her bare figure numerous time still can't help but getting bewitched by her looks now and it was still boosted even more with, the 'magic item', the sticking-to-skin-wet bathing suit.

Floria's skin is see-through from the wet bathing suit. But that's not all. Her important tip part are located in an extremely delicate depth inside the hot spring so that Renya could almost see it but still can't. After a while, Renya comes to a realization. This little devil..... she purposely teasing me!

As if she doesn't want to lose to Floria, there is also another girl who act bold even when she is usually too serious that no one can imagine she would do so. Yes, the one who tries to compete with Floria is Brenda. Floria had taken the position in front of Renya so she steeled her heart and sit in Renya's left side.

Brenda has a slender body and an average breast size so she doesn't compete with her appearance like Floria, instead she just cuddle up close to Renya to appeal him. The contact from skin to skin inside the hot spring seems to be enough to shock Renya.

(..... That's weird. Is it because I have body contact within the hot spring?.....)

It was supposed to be a 'healthy' kind of contact but Renya feels something sensual with it. Or it might just be him being misunderstanding things as Renya wails inside his heart. Who knows that he would come to understand why the skinship between lovers when they take bath together managed to gather fame as one of the best romantic act after he transferred to this world? He can only bitterly recognize just how small his discernment was.

When Renya, who clearly had his head full with topic beside the hot spring, still worrying, at last THE 'lethal weapon' thrown out in the fray in this impeccable timing.

Those bombastic swellings in the chest area had never let others to come even close in term of sizes. Yet with such majestic mountain range her waist is artistically very slender. And finally, the line drawn to her hip even left one breathless. This is the grand stage appearance of Elvira inside the hot spring area.

It seems like there are no bigger bathing suits that could fit her as even when she wear one, her breast is literally just flowing out unbridled. Even the pink protruding tip of hers seems like about to jump out from inside the suit. Yet even when she is showing up such bombastic sensual dynamic body of hers, Renya couldn't feel any vulgarity with it. As expected from the bearing of those who held dignity as a race that could live long.

(It's so BIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIG. I cant even say anything else!?)

Now that he thinks about it again, even if it was just a see-through under the wet bathing suit, he realizes that this is the first time he had the chance to pay his respect directly to Elvira's bare naked body. He is again being deeply moved from witnessing such tyrannical volume.

Holy.mother.of.god. this is just too awesome.

The impact is too great that he can only express that one foolish comment. The unexplored zone which he can only enjoy through layers of cloth and can feel when she snuggled up to him is exposed without any restraint. He unintentionally made an obvious gulping sound.

In contrast, Therese somehow heaves a sigh while looking down but there is no one who realizes her action.

(No, this won't do! Calm down me! This is the sacred hot spring! If I let my guard down too much I will get dizzy easily. In this kind of situation to get dizzy and lose the chance to pay my respect to this eden longer is..... unforgivable!)

Anyway for now, he silently hugs the two beside him with both of his hands under the cover of the muddy hot spring water.

Being unable to see is a good thing indeed. Even if he 'accidentally' touches any sensitive parts, he can just act innocent. The only one who knows what he did was only him and the one he touched anyway.

"Gosh..... you really are helpless pervert"

"I'm sorry, my hand just automatically moves"

Even if Brenda says so, she still allows Renya to continue hugging her because she thinks 'if it was just this much then it's ok'. She really had been tamed. Maybe this is the real worth of that so called [naked relationship]. It can even made a straight laced girl like her turn meek.

"Mnn~~ if you talk about hot springs then it was definitely about this relaxing sensation right~? Ahh~ I feel alive again~"

While relaxing, Floria still haven't forget to give her appeal to Renya so she swings her arms up with all her strength and do a simple stretching move which emphasize her bountiful twin peaks. Renya who fixedly looks at her breast is also being his usual self.

"I also only knows the truth about hot springs when I start my journey around the world about it being exclusive only for the royalties and are something luxurious. Even though it was not that much of a rarity here"

After she says that, Elvira lets out a silent long sigh as she enjoys her first hot spring bath since forever. Her body is glued close to Renya but this is also the first experience for her having bodily contact with Renya in an almost direct way from skin to skin so she can't help feeling embarrassed. The pinkish red in her face was not just because of the hot spring only but also coming from a portion of shame mixed in.

"Elvira..... your face is all red you know? Already got dizzy?"

"T-that's not true"

"Ho-u?" (I can translate this into 'is that so?' sounded in a very provocative way but I decided to just keep it like in the raw. A provocative sounding 'ho-u?')

The details are omitted but Renya uses his right hand to attacks Elvira sensitive spots which mainly located in her upper body. His hand slipped in through the gap of the bathing suit and intentionally touches her body directly. Renya thinks: at least her body is honest.

"Well then, won't you explain it to me why your face is all red like that? I don't mind if you only whisper it to me you know"

"Nn~~..... T-that is"

“Okay okay you could stop now. Therese is also here okay?”

Renya let out a weird yelp from getting his waist pinched.

Brenda's eye when she gazes him is like saying: 'I am not being jealous okay? I'm just training you to become more gentlemanly' and it is enough to make Renya meekly lower his head. Renya reflected to his wrong. He indeed feels that he is a little bit too drunk with this feeling of freedom and the sexual temptation that filled the atmosphere.

But well, if he don't get too brazen at it then it would still be alright right? So he just doesn't stop his hand from wriggling all around Elvira's body. He is the kind of man that doesn't know how to restrain himself.

“Fuwa~..... A big hot spring bath is really fantastic desu.....”

On the other side, Therese who is also the shyest among the party can still enter a totally relaxed condition with her body submerged in the hot water and fully enjoys the hot spring. Her blank expression doesn't even make her look unsightly in the least. In fact, it makes her looks even more charming. Frankly, even with this place being a public place, if Therese isn't here then Renya will just go wild and do things to his heart's content. He is well aware of his own desire after all.

“If hot spring is this fantastic then we need to talk to Anri about whether is it possible of remodeling Hlidskjalf with one.....”

“That's true..... Or maybe she can even copy the region altogether! If that was the case then it might not be so bad to travel around the world to find various secret hot springs to be used as the model”

“That is a great idea! Having various place famous hot spring inside Hlidskjalf bath house and experience all of them in a go sounds very tempting”

“Ooo you two, that is indeed a nice idea. Now we have one more objective to

add in our journey. Elvira, do you know any other dragon village that owns their own hot spring bath?"

While Elvira is thinking about it, Renya is waiting for her answer while tampering Brenda's supple breast a bit. He even acts out all natural and tangle his feet with Floria's. He also did not forget to give his attention to Floria. He really is getting bolder nowadays.

"The dragon tribe that made their hidden village in mountainous area are of the majority I think. Because after all, hot springs are one of the few amusements that the dragon tribe had"

"Well then for our short term plan, we can go around the other dragon villages, we might be able to gather some precious sample..... but we need to confirm this first to Anri whether it is possible or not..... I just want to enjoy this hot spring a bit more first....."

With a new objective for their journey, Renya is in a completely relaxed mode with his eyes feasting on the view and his whole body enjoying the girls touch.

Chapter 53 – The Continent's Situation

The continent where Elvira's home village located which named Barzelion continent was even bigger than Eribelis continent.

Because the continent is crowded with many small kingdoms, there are kingdoms that assertively promote exchanges between kingdoms and on the other side, there are also kingdoms that have confrontation with the other kingdoms. And with the vast land the continent have, the space between kingdoms is large so the culture and custom of the resident become too diversified as the result.

There is a kingdom that owns a coastal line as its territory and this kingdom is very assertive with their exchanges with the other kingdoms which in turn made this kingdom a multicultural kingdom in its development. But on the other hand, there is also a kingdom that locks themselves out from the outside world and develops their own peculiar culture.

They have mountains, forests, and even ruins. This continent still has many place left unexplored so, not like the Eribelis continent that developed under a stable culture, monster hunting and ruins excavating jobs are flourishing here. There's even a commerce kingdom that flourished from being specialized in trading with those wanderer who made those two jobs as their main source of income

If Renya were to comment on this, he will just say that this continent is just as what he has in his imagination about a place chock-full with another world fantasy component.

But then again when there is too much diversity like this of course it will affects the public order and sanitation condition of the kingdoms.

Renya and his party pretty much had the power to face outlaw and criminals such as street ruffians, ex-mercenary hoodlums, or even bandit brigand and no matter how much they join together to attack, He still has the confident that he

can wipe them all clean. But the scale is just over the top and they decide to play it safe as much as they can.

Luckily, although not assertively, there are dragons from the village that would go to the human settlement from time to time to trade things. And Renya managed to gather some information about the surrounding kingdoms from them. With that information at hand, Renya starts to ponder where he should go next.

First, Barzelion continent is mostly divided into 5 large kingdoms.

The first kingdom that Renya eliminates from the choice list is the Cedieren holy empire. It is already clear from the name that it was a religious kingdom. To add on, the regulation there is very strict. It was really a role model for a religious country where monks who do ascetic practices and priest gather together. And of course, there are no amusements institutions within it and with that, not much thrill can be experienced there.

Serve the god, work for the sake of god, and die for the god.

There are a lot other strict doctrines but to frankly sum it up, it has nothing to do with them.

(I don't really want to be involved with this country)

The next eliminated from the list is the Rinthyeze kingdom.

The reason is because this kingdom base principle is that women had the higher standings in it from the men. Women are more dominant here.

If he, a random wanderer were to visit this kingdom with his four harems...

(Yeah, it definitely will cause some strange flag to rise)

It was a flowery culture for a kingdom but Renya won't let himself to sleep in

a bed full of thorns so he just decides not to visit this kingdom. From Anrietta's investigation, he also knows that this kingdom doesn't really make light of the men as what the usual women dominated kingdoms would do so he just don't bother. He don't go there definitely not because he is afraid of one of his close person. Yep, he really insists that.

Next into the elimination is the Ezemeria republic. And the reason for eliminating this country which has coastline within its territory from his to be visited list is because Renya don't feel comfortable with this country's culture.

The reason isn't as simply as because this country wasn't based on monarchy. But because this country was a country of mercenaries that was built by mercenaries and it has the most powerful mercenary group among the whole kingdoms as the supporting pillar for its national power. Of course, this country is also the main base of the mercenary guild and they have far stronger military power than any mediocre kingdom there is.

Hearing that much information would make people easily imagine how bloodstained dangerous this country is and might think that it was Renya's reason to eliminate it but, Renya's reason was actually very simple.

This country is just an assembly of hot headed man and muscle! They will only fight, fight, fight day after days and this country would surely be filled with bars and brothels as it was the main amusement place for those mercenaries.

(Who is sane enough to visit such country reeks of men's sweat and muscle!?)

If he were to really visit this country, he might need a kiss from the girls each morning in order to keep his sanity. But rather than taking risk, it's better to just left this country out from the start anyway.

And then there is another kingdom that is currently in conflict with Ezemeria republic. It was the Faskurn commercial kingdom.

As a commercial kingdom, of course it also has coastline as its territory. It made deals not only with the kingdoms inside the continent but also from the kingdoms outside the continent. This kingdom that can single-handedly deals with such a massive amount of goods circulation really has the ability to deal with money. But on the reverse side, if you go there and carelessly shown your vulnerable point, then this den of thieves would definitely not give any damn when they leave you naked in the sideways without any possession left. And that is still a better end.

Still this is also a kingdom where if you can show your resourcefulness and mass a big fortune, then no matter who you are, even if you are born commoner, you can rise your position in the kingdom and get political power. Yes, this is the famous upstart riche kingdom after all.

Because of the kingdom custom, there seems to be no end for money associated trouble in here. Also, merchant and mercenary have an inseparable relationship between them so troubles around the two would relatively easy to erupt.

(It's not that bad but, I don't want to stay there for too long definitely)

Because of that from the process of elimination, there's only one kingdom left in the list. This kingdom, Tosminia kingdom, located in the center of the continent and also called as the kingdom where wanderer assembles. This kingdom is unique not only because it lets other kingdom trades freely in their area but also because most of the kingdom's territory are still untouched by the hands of mankind. Because of that, there are many unique and rare magic beast, ruins and dungeon that are yet to be discovered, precious material from untrodden place, and so on. Many wanderers that dream of getting rich quick would definitely visit and with their activity, the kingdom will flourish in exchange.

It was actually a small kingdom at start but in this few decades it successfully expands its territory and possess high enough national power that made other big power treat it as their equal. Why can they grow so quickly like this? It was

because they assign people base on their ability without regard to their race and origins. The kingdom also does research on weapon making from any new material that is found within the country and made many rare armaments in the process which in the end made their commerce flourish even more. With those two positive facts, people will naturally gather and of course rare talented people are also included. With the quick addition to population and talent, the kingdom rapidly developed.

The kingdom successfully connects all the good weapon they have in their policy and it gives a positive result. And the main reason they managed to flourish like this is because of the wanderer.

Tosminia is ridiculed being just another upstart riche kingdom like the Faskurn but both kingdom has people who managed to snatch the top position in the kingdom with their own ability so generally speaking, their negotiation skill is absolutely strong. Both kingdom shows that upstart riche are not to be trifled with. This kingdom is the assembly point for wealth and novelty in this continent.

(This kingdom really is the one that attracts me the most)

It seems like almost all adventure component in this continent is chock-full in this kingdom only.

Because of that reasoning, Renya instructs Anrietta to do a careful investigation to Tosminia Kingdom and its surroundings. And just in case, he also instructs to investigate the other kingdoms too for anything that couldn't possibly be found by any normal human but to actually do something about the result would be a secondary matter for now.

That is how much Renya feel attracted to Tosminia right now.

For the time being, he had collected enough information for now and goes out from the bridge to go to a certain place inside the ship.



Until they decided on their next course of action, the party will stay for a while in Elvira's house. But of course, they don't want to just freeload there while they stay there.

Fortunately, in this mountainous region far from human eyes, there are many magic beasts and monsters that inhabit the place. Renya and his party start their hunt to wipe out these potential threats to the village from around the surroundings of the village. Well, it was the village of the dragons so there should be no beast stupid enough to approach the village so strictly speaking, this hunt is for preventing the beast from getting intimidated by the dragons intimidating aura which will make them run to the foot of the mountain where the human settlement is.

Usually, after a party of hunter finished hunting a number of game, they will stop to carve up any useful parts of the game and throw out the rest but, Renya's party is not your usual hunting party after all.

From Anrietta work result, one of Hlidskjalf function expansion program that Renya instructed before, the [plant], is now finished and can be utilized immediately.

This [plant] is a manufacture workshop which is added to the ship function and is located right underneath the mansion inside the ship.

In the [plant] all kinds of materials and ingredient will be processed into a desired state. Not only that, it can also butcher up magic beast and monster to carve up their useful parts in a technique that can even makes a pro feel ashamed.

On top of it, the [plant] outer appearance is only a single conveyor belt where raw materials are placed before getting processed. After entering the [plant], the material will be detected by scanner like machine to choose an appropriate method to process it and the next thing that can be seen is that after getting out from the [plant], the raw material from before had been magically processed and will only have the usable parts left. The conveyor belt will then automatically bring the final result to the storage room.

The unused parts will then be processed to be one of Hlidskjalf main source of

power. There is splendidly no waste left.

“UWAA! UWAA! AMAZING! AMAZING DESU! To think that mountain of material would be processed in just a flash like that!”

Therese with her mecha fetish of course made a big racket from witnessing such an over technology plant to operates in front of her own eyes. By the way, this function was directly under Anrietta's control. She will decide which things will be processed so if somehow a careless person or another living being somehow managed to enter the plant, it will be rejected immediately and thrown out forcefully.

Thankfully, there would definitely no horror thriller happening like that Soylent something..... or that something Geass (Eros: Do Code Geass has things like this? Haven't watched) that might cause deep trauma to people.

But inversely, beasts that need to be butchered will need to be thoroughly killed in order to avoid malfunction.

[Master, the expansion work for adding the plant had been finished. What do you wish to expand next?]

“Hmm, I want to discuss that with you Anri. Can you expand the function to simulate natural hot spring inside a bath house? I want to experience many kinds of natural hot springs from many places in the world..... is that possible?”

[I will do an investigation to find out whether Master's wish can be implemented or not]

After waiting for a while.

[Investigation completes. According to the word from the Master's old world, a [hot spring spa] could be implemented. We can expand the main bath house

to create that]

“Alright! Good job Anri! You are such a good girl!”

Renya spontaneously do a guts pose to express his delight but Anri suddenly materialized in front of him. Renya was surprised by the sudden happening and doesn't understand what Anri going to do. He just notices that Anri gives out a strange expression gazing at him while slightly lowering her head.

Renya recognizes this pose. Anri is doing an upward glance like she was expecting something from him. Did she do it without any reason? No, she really seems to be expecting something. Renya definitely could feel that but he just couldn't guess what Anri expected from him so he could just stay silent and wait for her next word.

[It was an honor to receive praise from you Master. Well then I know I might be presumptuous but could I also receive a reward? As for what kind of reward, I want to get my head patted by master for a while]

“Are you okay with only that? Okay, leave it to me! I am kind to cute girl like you”

For a guy to say those kinds of words towards someone who looks like an 8 years old cute little girl while patting her head...

It was truly like one criminal scene. If the little girl didn't shows up, although barely, a happy expression in her face then the guardsman would already coming in to apprehend him. Someone call the guardsman! Quick!

[Fuu..... being able to directly touch master like this while channeling divine power really gives me a good feeling. I am getting addicted to it. If it already feels this good with only a casual skinship, I probably need to demand an even passionate kind of skinship in the future]

“Okay, come back!? Definitely never be like that ok!?”

[Oh my, I thought Master prefer to having physical contacts with women. Am I mistaken?]

“Even if I do like it, I also know the limit. Especially in Anri’s case, it will definitely spell trouble”

[Do master doesn’t feel the joy from staining a pure and innocent little girl?]

“Why did you ask such defaming question!? How did you see me as anyway!?”

[It was just a joke Master. Master really reacts comically when teased. It is funny]

“You really are... even after all said and done, didn’t you really resemble your [parents] after all?”

[That’s rude. Even if it was Master, I will never accept that statement. Please revoke it back]

“Even if you say so..... Anri lately use many teasing remarks to other, especially to me, more often than before... So there’s no denyi-”

[If you don’t revoke it back then shall I make use of the opening in the morning to snuggle in Master’s bed? While naked?]

“Yup! That was all my fault! Yes sir! Anri is really a wonderful daughter! Even if she resembles her parent, she is still not similar at all!” (Eros: I tried :3)

Well, Floria and the other girls probably won’t blame him for that but that conduct might create a crack in their relationship and he definitely don’t want to hurt or receive scorn from the girls. Because of that, he immediately revokes his word just now.

[If you understand that then good. Then, to show my thanks, I will give Master the rights to sleep together with me. Naked.]

“Whatever I do you will still going to tease me after all!? You schemer little vixen!”

[Master really is a funny person]

“I’m not happy! That compliment doesn’t make me feel happy at all!”

Even with such dialogue between them, Renya secretly feels happy knowing Anri’s change.

This girl who used to deny her own existence had suddenly turned into a troublesome little vixen like this is really unexpected but even so, she is enjoying her life now.

How can Renya not feel happy from that?

[Well then Master, let’s go back to topic. It is possible to expand the bath house to simulates any natural hot spring but to reproduce it, a sample is needed]

“Ah, as expected I can’t just ask you to create something from nothing right? Well for now let’s just take the sample from the hot spring in Elvira’s village. How much sample do you need?”

[1 small bottle would be enough]

“Got that. Then I will go and get the sample so please work on it. And by the way, could you make the expansion by increase the number of bath tub every time we gather more sample?”

[Yes Master. I will set the program to automatically adds another bath tub every time Master adds another sample]

“Alright. With this, the plan to collect all the secret springs and famous springs around the world within Hlidskjalf can be officially started”

Renya laments that he can’t make the bath house an open air bath one because it was on a ship. But still, it is also a fact that Renya had found another fun things to do.

[Well then Master, I ask again, what do you wish to expand from Hlidskjalf next?]

“Hmm let see..... Now that it is possible to procure raw materials then I want to have a [workshop] build next. I want to do maintenance to my divine armaments and do some other things too. And I also wish to build a good environment to support Therese’s tinkering habit”

“Affirmative. Then I will made the preparation to set the work to release the lock that will enable Hlidskjalf to build the [workshop] expansion on auto”

“It's all up to you okay? After all, it was thanks to you that I can operate Hlidskjalf well like this”

“I will exhaust my abilities to answer Master’s wholehearted confidence”

Like this, Renya is preparation for his next adventure is advancing without a hitch.

Chapter 54 – Bathes in the Moonlight With You ❤

With the future plan for Barzelion contingent is pretty much arranged, as a way to returning his appreciation for the food and lodging, Renya and Elvira keep on working hard in thinning the monster and magic beast that lives around the village as usual.

Even if they don't mean danger to any dragon living in the village, there are still some daredevil that tries to prey on the dragon's livestock from time to time. Rather than touching their reverse scale (a dragon weak point) this conduct provokes the dragon's anger even more. When Renya heard about that story, Renya feel that he is one step closer into understanding the temperament of the dragons in this world. (straight up glutton lol)

They are, for the better or the worse, are honest. And there is also a tendency for them to follow their instinct.

There are some dragons that grow wiser as they pile up their ages, but let set that aside from now. Anyway, for the dragons, no matter how much meat they have, they won't feel troubled at all. Because they mostly live in the ravine between mountains or to say it simply, living in a place with high altitude, they can easily collect ice from the mountain summit to make a cold storeroom. And with those cold storerooms, it was not impossible for them to maintain big reserves of meat.

God, just how much you guys like meat anyway. Renya feel like screaming that when he heard about it. But even so, he still helps them hunt some monster and offer the meat to the village. After he done his work for the day,

he quickly go to the room he was assigned for to have a short rest but at that time, a reserved knock could be heard from his room's door and after that, Elvira enters his room.

"Renya-sama, if it's alright with you, would you like to join me having some tea?"

"Is that the one you brew Elvira? Seems good, alright then I shall have some"

"Yes" As Elvira reply Renya confirmation with a bashful expression.

She then gallantly starts preparing the tea.

The tea leaves that can be harvested around the dragon village have mild acidity and the tea made from it is easy to drink. It should definitely because the difference way in cultivation method and the land where it planted but unfortunately for Renya who doesn't have that much knowledge about tea, he can only give a common impression of delicious.

The two face each other while silently enjoying their tea.

The reason for the long silence is not because they both get awkward and unable to find a topic to talk about but rather because between the two of them, they don't need words to convey their feeling or such kind of similar atmosphere can be felt from them.

Seeing Renya who enjoys her tea with much satisfaction, Elvira gives out a happy smile. And when Renya looks at her enchanting smile, he returns a gentle gaze to answer her. Such atmosphere is like those that can be felt from married couple that had spent a long time together. And there is no one who is rude enough to ruin such atmosphere for them.

Floria is busy with helping the dragon with removing the altar where the

stone monument was placed before. Brenda and Therese are also occupied with reading the dragon tribe's precious book collection so they have been frequenting the village's archive. That is also what 'no one who is rude enough' from before also meant because currently, in the Blackford's residence, only the two of them present.

But even so, the two present now are a couple of adult man and woman. Keeping their silence all the time would be bad so Renya, with the chance of asking more tea, naturally open up a conversation.

"By the way when I looked at Ard'hel a while ago..... he seems to be in a very high spirit"

"I-indeed..... Father was frolicking too much without considering his age..... I am terribly ashamed"

"It just shows how much he worried about you being unable to find the right partner right? I think he is a good father you know?"

The scene that Renya imagined before inside his, the [How dare you trying to marry my daughter!] sort of kind situation end up not happening in the end which made Renya feel relieved. Of course it was not in a meaning where he would get oppressed by his opponent (future father in law) intimidation but still it would become quite a hassle if it did happened. If it comes to a war of words, he realizes that he himself isn't quite fluent in the art of conversation so he had no confidence in coaxing his enraged future father in law if it did happened.

"My mother passed away soon after she had me so Father has been spoiling me and my elder brother in a deep affection. And even I don't expect that elder brother would accompany me in my journey before"

“But what happen to his family? Will they be alright being left for so long like that?”

“The dragon kin has a long life span after all. And when I started my journey, his daughter is already old enough to not cause him trouble if he left”

And she also said that her elder sister in law understands her elder brother worries so she doesn't seem to have any problem with Deen accompanying his sister journey.

“But then again, after I come to your side Renya-sama and elder brother finally can come back home, elder brother's family has been clinging very close to him and not letting him go”

“So how is Deen-san's family structure feels like?”

“It was only elder brother, his wife elder sister in law, and his daughter. His daughter is strong just like elder sister in law. She is still young and yet she already distinguish herself in the art of the martial”

“..... In the end, aren't the women of the dragon tribe just commonly stronger than the male?”

“As a race, we don't have such kind of unique trait printed in our genes but..... the tendency in the whole tribes seems to be leaning that way. I even heard that father just can't win against mother in the past.....”

“Elvira seems to inherit her mother traits to eh.....”

“Uhuhuhu, we don't have a picture of her so I don't know but according to my father and elder brother, they said that we are pretty similar”

“I see” As Renya nods back to what Elvira said.

Suddenly, Renya thought of something that bothers him after hearing Elvira's story so he just casually asks it.

"By the way, Elvira, just for the sake of reference though, but..... how strong is Deen-san's wife compared to him?"

"Of course she is stronger. I heard that elder sister in law fallen in love with my elder brother because even though he is losing, he kept persevering and won't let his spear go until the very last"

"Courting by fighting?"

"Yes. Elder sister in law at that time declares that she will marry whoever can beat her in a fight. I also heard that she made that declaration even when she knows that there are no groom-to-be male dragons close to her age that can beat her"

"Ooo..... such a valiant woman. The dragon tribe really has a lot strong women"

Renya suddenly had a fearful imagination. In this kind of situation, with just one wrong step, won't this tribe become those kinds of typical Amazoness tribe?

"Actually, when I heard the story, I was doubting whether elder sister in law don't want to marry when declaring that at that time so I ask her about it once in the past"

"Well, that should be the common impression you get from that. Because even I also think like that right now"

"Right? But when I ask her about it, her answer is [I was just searching for any

dragon that has some backbone in them that even if he know he would lose, he still wouldn't give up until the very end]"

"..... So from that logic she finally chooses Deen-san right. Be it your Sister in law or be it yourself, the dragon tribe really had a hard time in finding a good groom"

"Probably, that is indeed like that" Elvira nods gently when she answer him. A charming smile can be seen in her face.

They keep on chatting with each other under the gentle atmosphere until they realize that it was almost time for dinner and at the same time ends their private tea time party.

It almost the time for the others to come back too so Renya stands up and start going to the living room to greets them but at that time, he suddenly felt a tug from the back in the hem of his clothes.

He then turned his gaze back toward the source where he saw Elvira who is hangs her head low while pinching on the edge of her clothes.

"..... Renya-sama, that is..... it is about the matter tonight"

Even when her word sounds very frail, it still manages to delivers the strong conviction contained within it. Renya then do a silent nod to answer her straightforwardly.

"Of course, so tonight..... what is it?"

“..... In the deepest part of the hot spring area, the open air family bath..... I will wait for you there”

“Is that..... the so called date invitation, no?”

“..... Yes”

“I understand. Of course, gladly.”

‘Was my answer good?’ While Renya worries about such thing, he still managed to gives his answer to Elvira’s invitation.

And then more or less, they tried to gloss up over that conversation but Renya and Elvira keep on being absent minded while having their dinner after that.



Late at night.

Under the clear sky devoid of any cloud, Renya is waiting for Elvira to come in the dim litted open air bath.

Of course he already had an inkling of what going to happen. The fact that this invitation is not just any ordinary date invitation that is.

It just that, in the end, the one who make the first move is again from the girls’ side. He somewhat feel a bit pathetic toward himself.

(Being inexperienced at such time really is really irritating)

(Eros: no, you are just a chicken, like me lol)

To charge straight ahead and be frank with his desire to ask for her permission while maintaining the good mood is an act that is hard for Renya to do yet. He can already do sham sexual harassment where he won't offend his partner but, to cross that line, he unconsciously always waited for the girls' side to make their action first. He realized it and he also feel pathetic to himself because such situations keep on continuing.

Even now with Elvira, he already thinks that their heart had already opened up with each other but he can't be decisive with it and dragging on and on, keep missing the timing, and in the end creating such an awkward situation like this. Yes, he already aware with all that.

(..... But I can just keep on brooding on that matter now right?)

That kind of act is exactly the one impolite act that will hurt Elvira who had mustered her courage. With that in mind, Renya steels himself.

And just when he finished resolving himself, he heard the sound of the door opened silently. From there, Elvira who looked a bit nervous, clad in the bathing suit, finally appears in the open air hot spring.

“..... Renya-sama?”

“Aa, I'm here”

Elvira shows a relieved expression hearing Renya's voice. She then approaches him and sits down beside him.

The two of them are now sitting in the edge of the hot spring while only dipping their feet inside. If he looks up, he will see a beautiful night sky decorated with the moon and the stars. Be it the location, be it the situation, both of them are totally perfect that even Renya would doubt this to be just a hallucination.

Rather than the dim light illuminating the open air bath, the moonlight shines brightly from the heaven above is shining upon Elvira's sensual body under the see-through bathing suit.

Her body seen through the wet bathing suit should have been something he had seen before but why did he feel that she looks more suggestive now. He feels that she is too beautiful just like a perfect piece of art where he feels unworthy of even touching.

“You are beautiful”

Mesmerized by the sight, Renya unintentionally whisper that out.

He can't help but say it, that was the only excuse that he can think of now.

“..... T-thank you for your compliment. This..... don't feel like your usual compliment and..... I feel a little embarrassed”

“That might unexpectedly be not true I think. Because I know that Elvira is weak when suddenly get approached like this”

“Tha-that is because it is yours, Renya-sama.....”

Elvira is saying that in a sulking tone like saying that 'of course I won't reacts the same to other men' and protesting to Renya's teasing for a bit but of course Renya won't stop just because of this.

"I wish to see embarrassed Elvira more. I wish you let me see your bare body under that bathing suit"

"Uu..... then..... Renya-sama can..... just take it off....."

"Nu-uh, I won't lend you a hand. Could you show me when you take it off by yourself? Like when you are trying to showing it off yourself"

"U, uuu..... Bu-but that is..... embarrassing....."

"It's okay you know, no one else will see. I have already isolated this place with my divine power"

Well, he only worried about Floria peeking them but, he believes that she is not the kind of rude girl that will disturb them.

Well, perhaps... maybe... I hope so Floria.

But even so maybe because her shyness is too big that she doesn't have the courage to do so ---- or it might be even because she still waiting for another teasing remark from Renya, Elvira just keep sitting there blushing.

(Oookay... this is dangerous... I'm starting to enjoy this!)

From her voluptuous body that is generously exposed and her expression

were shy and anticipation mixed together, Renya feel that he made another breakthrough invention of the century when he look at this beautiful girl who is looking at him with upturned eyes. He just can stop shivering from it.

“Then, if I do this, would you show me?”

“Ah..... Nn.....”

Then they exchanged a transient light kiss.

Two lips just barely touch each other and when she tries to move her tongue in, at that timing, Renya quickly pulls his face back.

“If you want to continue..... you know what to do right?”

“Y-yes.....”

“Then Elvira, show yourself up”

With a strong tone which doesn't sound too haughty, in that kind of moderate tone, Renya tries to give command to Elvira.

But it seems like Renya action hit her sweet spot right in the middle. Elvira's expression is like in a trance while she timidly takes off her bathing suit.

Her wet bare skin where droplets of water are running according to gravity when combined by the illumination from the moonlight gave birth to an unimaginable beautiful art that is impossible to describe.

Elvira's expression, the moonlight, and open air hot spring; there are so many option combined together inside this piece of art.

This piece of art can be enjoyed in this moment only because it came from many chance happenings that are piled up together at the same time. This piece of art might never ever come back again for the second time in the future.

“Elvira, come here”

“..... Yes”

“Don’t be that nervous..... well, even if I say so it might be impossible right?”

“Y-yes. That well, I have resolved myself for this but just listening to Renya-sama like this already make me.....”

Just by hugging Elvira’s body like this, Renya could feel just how excited she is.

Renya desperately tries to keep his calm to steal the lead but seeing Elvira already drown with the mood like that could he keep on acting tough? Renya honestly doesn’t feel confident for that.

“It’s alright. Don’t worry about anything and expose yourself. And you don’t need to think of it as being shameful either”

“Bu..... but Renya-sama”

“Be honest with yourself, is all I can say to you. Or should I tease you by saying exactly what to do with which place?”

“..... Uuu, I-I under... stand”

“Good girl. But, are you not thinking that the way I say just now is better?”

“H-how could I think of that!!”

“Then..... *whisper whisper*”

“U.....! Th-that is, no, I am not that”

The agitated Elvira is trying to free herself from Renya's clutch but he already has a good grip on her so he won't easily let her off.

Renya then gently caress Elvira body that is still stiff from the agitation while at times giving strong stimulation to her. He then states each and every reaction she made by whispering it directly to her ear. Under Renya's thorough assault, Elvira can only trembles in a sweet agony.

“Fuua..... Renya.....shama.....”

“Your voice becomes more and more erotic you know? Let me hear it more okay?”

“Nn..... Noo.....”

In response to her answer, Renya's assault starts to shift from being a gentle caress towards a full passionate stimulation. Renya already piled up experience in this so he still manages to keep his calm. Finally, Renya bares his S side out.

It might be that he is already an S by nature but haven't yet found a chance to awaken. But at this moment, under the guidance of Elvira's reaction, his S nature had finally awakens.

Whatsoever the reason is, in front of these two who only had their full focus on each other, it just a trivial matter not worth considering.

“Listen Elvira..... *whisper whisper*”

“Uu~~~!? Re-Renya-sama, that is..... Unh..... while saying such thing.....
Noo.....”

Just what did Renya said, it was only known to the two of them. What can be said for the rest are that because of the difference in experience, Renya managed to hold the lead until the last in this first time for them.



After that, in the dressing room.

“Renya-sama”

“N, what is it Elvira?”

“..... Let me say it once again, I might be inexperienced but I’ll be in your care for a long time in the future”

“Ah of course, please take care of me too..... Well, I felt like I was getting a bit too carried away at that moment”

“Huhuhu, to say my ‘thank you’ [revenge] for that in the future, it seem like I also have to work hard”

“In what!?”

Just when he thought that the things said when people get married to each

other are similar to his previous world, he then suddenly receive an explosive statement like that a moment later. But Renya just feel too happy at the moment that he doesn't take it in his mind too much.

Chapter 55 – Happiness, Deliciousness, and Shynes

With a reluctant feeling, Renya and the gang finally left the dragon's village and now, they are currently wandering around some cities of the continent ---- or maybe not. They are now staying within Hlidskjalf that is floating on the sea surface near the continent in standby for their next destination.

The reason was not really important. It was just because they arrived too fast as to deal with a 'sudden danger' than befall the dragon village. They had initially decide their destination but it would calls suspicion if they arrive at their destination too fast so they decided to just take some day to rest and relax.

If it was just relaxing then they could also do it in the dragon village you ask? Well they could also do that, but they are more or less THE HERO of the dragons now and everyone treat them courteously like a hero which in return made them feel awkward instead.

"If esteemed father is around then it would be hard to get intimate with Renya-sama isn't it?"

That one line from Elvira was the final factor that pushes them to have made the decision quickly.

All the member of the dragon tribe and Ard'hel, who are having a complex feeling between happiness and sadness when seeing his daughter happy expression, send them off when they left. After that parting, Renya ask Anrietta to head to the open sea close to the continent and lands there.

On top of the ship, if it was any other ordinary ship then it would definitely get shaken by the sea waves but Hlidskjalf isn't any ordinary ship at all. It can actually stay calm like it was on the land.

Of course the stealth function was turned on. No one is allowed to disturb

their enjoyable silent cruise.

The weather is clear, the wind is pleasant. In this perfect sea vacation atmosphere, Renya and party enjoy their time the way they like.

On the deck, Renya is sitting on a relaxed posture while amusing himself with fishing.

From the rod until the thread (line?) of the fishing pole is something that Renya prepares himself in impromptu but the quality is far beyond the most up to date fishing gear that this world has because it even can be categorized inside the divine armament class.

He boasted the durability of his thread (line) that it can even be used to fish out a whale without snapping but he won't actually fish out a whale though.

He boasted the strength and flexibility of his fishing pole that it can even be used to fish out a giant squid without breaking but he won't actually fish out a giant squid though.

Even the reel was imbued with the power to ignore the fish weight for easier reeling. Renya just add more and more cheat into the fishing rod without care and make this the greatest fishing rod ever. Renya said that, comparing this to the process of creating a divine armament, this impromptu god tackle set is just like folding origami* (Folding paper art) for him

But the one that give him the most happy feeling that it made his face lackadaisical is not the fishing process itself.

One of the reasons is the existence of Anrietta at his side which is looking at the caught fishes in the buckets in deep interest and timidly reaches out her hand to try touching in only to get surprised by the fish sudden jolt and flusteredly pull her arm back. The sight of pure innocence that Anrietta displayed is one of the big factors but still, it can beat the sight of the erotic body of Elvira who are sitting beside him with a similar impromptu folding chair.

After 'that' event in the dragon village, there are naturally changes that can be easily seen within Elvira.

In her case, because her original graceful nature, she could do much the so called physical contact 'skinship' while being natural with it but now in when she come close to him, an expression of a young maiden in full bloom can be seen mixed with her usual graceful side.

Frankly said, it can be said that one of her face as a spoiled girl had finally got unmasked.

Elvira who usually linked arms with Renya with a demure expression, who usually won't let anyone see her sloppy side is finally unrestrained herself when they finally cross the line. With that restraint gone, she just let her feelings to show up on her face even more than before. It seems to be the result of her maiden side wanting to show off herself to the outside world that she is Renya's woman while still being reserved about it.

It can be said that she also does it to keep other guys away as a way saying that she is already happy with her man but tragically, with her expression showing more of her honest feeling, it is actually attracts more attention from man as man find her cuter this way but she only knows about it a bit more later.

Anyway, this time around is a totally private time for them. With no outsider disturbing them, Elvira sees this as a chance for her to get Renya's attention so she just use her right to the most she can. So that's why she is now serving Renya in his side while he amuses himself with fishing.

When Renya is getting a bite, she will immediately distance herself as to not disturb his fishing time. When he managed to land the fish, she will give a blooming smile to him and lean against him again after he finishes setting his line. Being able to act spoiled without disturbing Renya too much really shows her ability as a woman in a lot meaning.

[Master, the fish that you caught just now, what is it?]

"Sorry, I don't really know either. How about you Elvira?"

"Of course, this fish name is Barz Mackerel and it usually can be found on the sea around the Barzelion continent. I recommend cooking it by grill it directly on fire"

[Master, the sea is really vast. Master had caught many fish since a while ago but there is not a single one that is off from the same kind]

“Maybe it was just my fishing skill that is a bit weird so I don’t manage to fish the same kind of fish again but yeah, the sea is really vast”

With Elvira and Anrietta in his side, the scene looks just like that of a heartwarming chat in a family. Anrietta outer appearance which is just like a little girl just add more plus to the family scene.

“Renya-sama, it’s alright, up until now, all the fish that Renya-sama caught each of them are delicacies. Even I start to feel pumped up to turn all this fish into tonight’s dinner”

“Yeah, in the dragon village we always had meat meat and more meat every day. Well, I don’t say it was bad but”

“Huhuhu, the dragon’s’ diet is indeed unbalanced like that. Even I was also like that until I started my journey. At first, I never thought that fish could be a very delicious meal”

“Can’t be helped, after all, getting a fresh fish in that village indeed seem hard”

“That might be so”

Just sitting here relaxing. Only gazing the fishing line while having a pleasant chat in a relaxing time like this.

Peaceful.

This situation could really be described by just that one word.

But the one that made Renya’s lackadaisical expression was not such vague thing like that.

It was that lethal weapon that as usual boasting it powerful destructive force that made Renya likes that. The destructive force that is number one even

amongst the party is, that's right, Elvira's bosom.

Renya has been indulging himself with this world destructor weapon lately and yet he still can't help getting attracted by it. Those sizes that couldn't be expressed as caressed should be called wrapping up instead and Renya just could get tired of it no matter how many times he did it. With that lewd thought in mind, his mischief nature suddenly aroused. After he make sure that Anrietta's gazes are locked to the fish bucket, he commence action.

"Elvira....."

"What is it Renya-sa..... Mmunn....."

With his martial ability, he made a perfect move without any wasted movement to move quickly and steal a kiss from her. He just go and hit all his raging passion inside him head on as he tramples down the insides of Elvira's mouth with his tongue in a rough movement but he still know when to calls it quit and immediately pull himself back.

It was not too long, yet it was not too short either.

He doesn't want to express his affection in a careless way (according to what he understand himself though) so the mischief that he do just now is the short course of his godly skilled kiss. To use his godly power for have some skinship with his spouse like this, Renya really has become some big shot now.

Stealing a glance at Anrietta, she is still busy poking the fishes like before. Renya actually doesn't want to get called ero master by Anri because he shows off his kissing scene. From the way he deal with it, one can just say as expected from a god.

"My..... Renya-sama, you are just too sudden....."

"But, Elvira also doesn't hate being treated rough like that isn't it?"

"..... You are too sly, Renya-sama"

Maybe it is because she doesn't want Renya to saw her crimson colored face so she's just hang her head down while leaning on his shoulder and hug him even closer. Looking at her like this, Renya couldn't help but hug her shoulder gently.

It would be good if there are no fish that got caught for a while.

And maybe because of that thought and also him wishing to feel Elvira more like this, the fishes suddenly stop coming close to the lure for a while.



“OOOOooooo~~! Wonderful! Marvelous! What is this? Fish party~!?”

“What the heck is fish party!?”

After Renya spend all day flirting around with Elvira while fishing, of course on the night dinner will become a fish full course meal.

He was fishing for a full day and he managed to catch so many and those fishes also varied in kind. The amount of fish caught was just too many to be finished in a meal so he stores the excess in the storage and now, in dinner time, fish dishes are jam-packing the dining table.

From the standard grilled fish and boiled fish that this world are common with until the foreign sushi, marinade fish, deep fried fish, and even tempura line up on top of the table.

Renya wasn't knowledgeable about this world culinary culture and he was worried whether bringing the recipes from his world would give bad influence to this world or not but after thinking about it for a while, he concludes that as long as I can eat delicious things, it will be alright and just forget about his worry.

“I once heard about a custom of eating raw fish and was kinda grossed by it but..... now that I tried it myself, it has a unique texture and really is delicious”

“That’s true desu. I also heard about such custom but at first I thought that it was just something that you eat for emergency reason when you are close to a water body desu”

Brenda and Therese who are eating sashimi for their first time was timidly extend their fork toward it at first but after they had their first bite, they seemed to start liking it and when they know that each kind of fishes would give a different unique taste that is quite easy to differ when it was eaten raw, they quickly get used to it.

“But to think that Elvira even ate an octopus... In my world, other that the place where I live and other minorities area, octopus was quite neglected as food.....”

“Oh my, is that so? I’m actually quite fond of octopus you know”

According to Elvira, when it was processed as sashimi, it tastes quite sweet so she likes it.

On the other side, Floria has been eating the tempura in a rapt and she is literally stuffing her cheek with it. She makes it seems so delicious.

“Mmm~~, I’d never thought that I would eat tempura even in this world! This crispy texture is really the best!”

“Oi, Floria, your face has slacken so much that it become some kind of objet d’art you know”

“When a girl eats something delicious, her true nature will come out you know!”

“I see, so your true nature is one hell of a slacker then right? Is that even alright.....”

“I’m good with it! After all, I don’t have to hide my true self in front of this

member anyway! Aa~ this fried shrimp crispy texture.....”

“Not good, this girl has already lost it, I should do something fast..... but seems like I can’t anyway”

If he can re-educate her then he would already done so from long ago so Renya could only give up now. Even if he said it as a slacken face, it didn’t mean that he found that expression to be ugly or making him feel bad, even when she is like that, she still has this charm that is unique only to her. In other word, as the archetype of the naïve and simple girl, Floria is just like her usual self in expressing her own feeling honestly which was the main selling point for girls like her.

And in fact, Elvira who made all this dish is happily smiling seeing how her food get devoured greedily by Floria. Showing such a happy face like that when eating the dishes is the best reward for cooks after all.

“By~ the~ way~”

While stuffing her cheek like a hamster, Floria seems to be recalled something so she suddenly starts talking.

“Elvira, have your body recovered?”

“Yes, thank you for your concern..... E?”

“Hohou~, I see, I understand, if that is so then it’s all good”

After Floria swallows all the food stuffed in her mouth, she suddenly show the best smile she can.

(A, why did I have a bad feeling about this)

Renya who have his instinct boosted by the power of the war god suddenly feel a bad premonition for this situation but he just doesn't do anything to struggle against it.

“Well then..... tonight, another customary interrogation time..... right?”

Just like having arranged before, Floria gives an eye sign to Brenda.

“That's right, I am also curious about what Elvira has to say..... it will be an important thing from now on after all”

The latter part is not spoken clearly so no one managed to hear it.

Even Therese with her 2nd experience on this kind of situation quickly catches up with the topic but still acting her usual panicking awawa awawa.

“Flo-Floria-oneesan! I-I know I might be presumptuous but c-can I also join the interrogation deshuka!?”

Therese seemed to bite her own tongue in the last part while asking to join the customary interrogation time. Seeing Therese angelic expression like that, Floria gives her approval while spasming in agony (from too much moe)

Ah, no good, if everyone tension is high like this then any attempt to stop this would be futile. But suddenly, something unexpected happened as another unexpected guest barging in.

[Floria-sama, because this is a rare chance, can I also ask to join the customary interrogation time? According to my database, this kind of talk is

defined as a (girls talk) and if one is a girl, then they can freely join in the talk]

Anrietta surprisingly also declares her participation.

The database that she said, just from where did she pick it up. Renya really want to admonish her for that but then he realizes that there's a big chance that she picks it up from him so he just keep his mouth shut. If one knows that there is a snake inside the thicket then they would not be so stupid as to stir the thicket up with a pole right?

"O~, Did Anri also interested in this? It's okay you know~? Study hard and someday, you'll definitely become someone wise!"

[Yes, Mam. I thank you for your concern for me]

(Not good. I already can't stopped this)

Renya don't show it on his expression but he is also thinking for a way to stop Floria tentatively but under Floria's lead, this disclosure party that is assuming the name of pajama party has already become a decided fact. He also still feeling some obligation from Brenda's time because he also join in to incite the others. Elvira gives him eye-contact like saying 'what should I do' to Renya. She just can't strongly reject the other girls.

(Just give it up Elvira. With Floria being like that, even I can't stop her)

Elvira who receives such answer could only sigh and drops her shoulder. She then steeled her heart for what would come.

"Hey Floria..... I know I'm in no position to say but..... don't overdo it okay?"

"Ufufu, it's alright it's alright, after all, in the end, this won't become anything bad for Renya whatsoever"

"Just why indeed..... indeed it might be just like you say in the end but..... I don't feel like obediently agreeing to that! Oh what dilemma.....!"

On the other side of Floria's smile is a door that would lead to another unknown world of pleasure but the question is, would he open that door or not. The time for him to make his decision seems not that far away.

Renya is shivering imagining his possible future while enjoying the fish soup. All he can do right now is to escape from this overly happy situation.

Chapter 56 – Absolute Freedom *a corner of it*

Freedom.

If one had to describe that kingdom then that one word is already enough. But still, one should not forget about the word [Responsibility] to go along with that.

Tosminia Kingdom capital city, Sminiasta.

The starting point of this capital city was a ruined old castle.

And the reason of why making a capital city out of it was the existences of numerous underground dungeons in the area.

It was born at first as the base point for dungeon exploration purpose which in time grown into a city. A lot of wanderer and warrior use this city as their assembly point which in turn moisten the city economy.

The city gradually becomes larger. When dungeons got conquered the wastelands around will be reclaimed and if another new dungeon found around that area, people influx would to the city get even higher.

And eventually, an adventurer king turned the city into a kingdom.

With the wealth and people that has been amassed, they repair the ruin of the old castle that has been neglected in the first city. Then they recruit people without caring for their origin, race, or gender to strengthen their national might.

The newborn kingdom inherit the king vision about freedom and it eventually grows into a force that is comparable to the surrounding kingdoms. The new kingdom develops their own unique culture from the mingling of many people from various origins and race. And reaching this age, this is how Tosminia are commonly known.

The Kingdom of Freedom. (this kinda sound weird)

“..... And then there is me who heard such kind of history but.....”

“Indeed it is [Freedom] right~? In many kinds of meaning that is”

Renya and Floria are in the border of being surprised and being disgusted from their first impression of the kingdom just a moment after they pass the

city gate that they can help whisper out those comments.

First, the jumbled up buildings within the city has taken another level of chaos that is simply cannot be compared to the other kingdom. In one area, the building characteristic is similar to what he saw before in Eribelis continent yet just right beside it, building with another nationality characteristic stand side by side from it. The buildings just crowd together disorderly like that. This situation, rather than calling it unordered, it was better to call it nationality-less because even with such chaos, there is a strange harmony could be felt from it and Renya thinks that it was amazing.

This should be the result from the sudden need to expand the city. There are no clear road and section arrangement as the result of the reckless expansion and it definitely will give some adverse effect to the resident but the chaos also gives a feel of intimacy towards it. The people that walk back and forth on the road came from a variety of races. Looking at such scene, this kingdom really deserves to be called a kingdom with great diversity. No other kingdom can even hold its candle.

The kingdom just swallow up all kind of the culture coming to it and accept all kind of people coming to it. That is what Tosminia kingdom is.

But even if it manages to preserve its appearance as a kingdom, Renya still somewhat feel a bit uneasy with the thing regarding public order in this city. In the gate, the coming and going of people are managed well enough but anyway, in the city, there are too many dead angles created because of the jumbled up buildings.

As the result of the jumbled up buildings, there are a lot of complicated alleyways stretched far wide inside the city. Knowledge in the local area would give a big advantage if a fight inside town breaks out as Renya thinks.

Well, with his godly power he can just do something about it anyway but it would be different for his party member especially for her.

“I don’t really hate this kind of atmosphere from a city but not so when regarding the security aspect. Everyone, for the period of us staying in this town, please refrain yourself from acting independently okay. Especially Therese must pay special attention”

“Why desuka, Oniisan?”

“Because the town layout is just a haven for pickpocket and kidnapper. I feel

that, for people who are familiar with the area around here, kidnapping little girl like Therese and running away successfully would be a cinch for them”
“B-but but, if I really get kidnaped, Oniisan would come and save me desuyo ne!?”

“Of course I will but just in case okay? I know that Therese is strong and have ways to protect herself but acting independently has its limits. So please pay attention to it”

Renya gently pats Therese's head while warning her.

“I-I understand desu. I would not do anything that will made Oniisan and Oneesan worried desu”

“Good girl. Anyway this city is really a complex hodgepodge. There must be no shortage of people who would get attracted by Therese. To be honest, I am most worried about you”

“Uuu, I kinda feel happy but not at the same time desu.....”

“And because of that, for the time being until we found an inn, let's hold each other hand”

“Come again!? W-w-w-w-why did it comes to that desuka!?”

“But of course, because I want to hold your hand”

Renya say it out loud without any feeling of shame.

And that decisiveness to execute what he wants to do.

Should one act like that when they become a god? Many questions would rise up from seeing his action.

In the end, Therese can only yield under Renya intense selfishness. She can only let Renya hold her tiny hand without being able to let go until they finally found a lodging that manage to satisfy Renya demand in security and hygiene after a full one hour of walking around.



After they found a place to stay, they quickly start doing the thing that had already become a custom for them: looking for job at the government office. This kingdom is a kingdom built by adventurer so Renya had hoped for a different kind of unique format to present their job request but it seems that even the form of job requesting had also been uniformed even in this kingdom

so there's really no difference at all.

But well, there is difference tough. The number of request is just on a different level.

Collecting materials, subjugation, exploration, guarding.

Even the job requests with basic subjects like those, the number of request are already overwhelming. Seems like the number of job requests do grow larger as the population grows bigger.

Renya and party are now walking inside the government building which is made of stone to look for job request. The building is simple but it gives a neat impression. Suddenly, when walking around to browse, Therese bump into another little girl who happen to pass them.

“Au”

“.....A.....”

Their height is almost the same but the girl gives a little bit more childish impression than Therese.

The girl wears a worn out metallic breastplate on top of her peculiar designed clothes. Her shoulder-length chestnut hair is done neatly and it looks pretty. But, the unexpected thing is that, even when she is only as tall as Therese, her breast area has grown up quite a lot.

(Big breasted loli..... is it? In a meaning, when standing next to Therese like this, they seem just like antithesis to each other. But yet, at the same time, both are rare talent in each their own field.....)

Well, he is quite interested with that but, what attracts Renya the most from the girl is a pair of sword that is hanging in the girl's hip.

Even when the blade is quite short, it is surprising to know such a little girl like her would use a dual wielding blade style. According to this world standard, little girl of her age being a wanderer isn't anything weird actually but it just that her choice for weapon is pretty much unexpected for Renya.

“I'm sorry desu, are you alright desuka?”

“..... No problem. I am alright”

Compared to Therese, the little girl answers her with a flat tone devoid of emotion.

But it seems like not because she is mad. Looking at her behavior, it seems like it was just her nature for lacking undulations with her feeling.
(Eros: Kuudere big breasted loli appears!!)

The little girl silently stands up, checks up her own condition, then calmly walks out from the government office.

“Regardless of her age, she really is composed..... or should I say she is forcing herself to?”

“Right, seems like there are special circumstances that force her to be like that.....”

This world isn't kind to everyone. There are many people died from monster and bandit attack which would make their family member lose them and not everybody is willing to help others in need.

That girl also might have her own story to tell. With no one to depend on she must toughen herself up in order to manage living on in this world. And the present her is the result of that.

Well, even knowing such kind of thing won't make things different anyway as he can't do much either.

Under the awkward atmosphere, the five of them are unable to let out any word. Even when the surrounding is filled with the hustle and bustle of the people looking out for jobs in this government office, the world around the little girl seems to be filled with unnatural silence.

Looking at Therese whose expression turned dark from seeing such scene, Renya silently pokes her hip with his finger.

“Funyan!? O-o-oniisan what are you doing desuka!?”

“Don't be so gloomy. If we are fated to meet again, we'll eventually meet again in the future. But now isn't the time. The next time we meet, if we have things we can do to help her then just do it, okay?”

“..... will that be okay desuka?”

“I am not the type who will help any people that I meet indiscriminately. Forcing my hand to help people that don't ask for help is not a really good thing for me, be it according to my personality or my status”

I can still do it, I can still stand up.

Regarding those people who still cheer themselves up even if they have to grit

their own teeth while crawling forward, to forcefully help them out of whim only to satisfy oneself ego no matter what the reason is, Renya thinks that it was just an act of profanity toward those people way of life.

(Eros: damn, I'm a bit teared up reading this)

On the other hand, against those people who doesn't even try to stand up by themselves and always demand support from those around them, he will definitely not give those people any help either. He simply doesn't want to burden himself with another baggage. He doesn't have any strength to spare for those kinds of degraded people who don't even fulfill their own responsibility.

"And also..... it was only my hunch but, she probably would make it just fine. And I also got a hunch that we might meet with her again somewhere in the close future"

"Is that so desuka?"

"It's only a hunch okay. But even so, that was a hunch from a god. Would you believe it?"

"..... Of course desu!"

Looking at Therese who finally smiles, Renya nods with satisfaction. But the other girls in the party gaze at the two dialogue with a complicated expression in their face.

"..... He had a hunch of meeting again with a girl that is looked younger than Therese, he said" Floria monotonously said.

"..... Moreover, her age is in the dangerous line which is still not clear whether it is fine to put his hand on her or not" Brenda adds.

"..... Renya-sama really is a great person out of the norm" Elvira is somewhat convinced though.

"You girls over there, hold on okay"

Suddenly getting unjustified accusation like that, Renya try to explain flusteredly.

"What I mean before with a hunch of meeting again is not between that girl and me okay"

"But you know, if she really did meets again with Therese, then that also means that Renya will eventually got entangled with her right?"

“It just like what Floria said. Why don’t you realize it already that you have a talent of getting troubles when it is concerned about a girl?”

“I can’t deny the two opinion. Please forgive me Renya-sama”

Too bad for him, he just doesn’t have any allies in this situation. No, there is still the last hope! With that feeling, he turned his head to look at Therese with a gaze full of expectation.

(Come! Save me my angel!)

Being looked at with a gaze full of expectation from Renya, after Therese flinched with an ‘Auu... Auu...’ for a while, she finally opens her mouth.

“You know Oniisan..... did Oniisan feel happy having little girl like that girl before and me as a partner desuka?”

“That’s wrong! No, that’s not wrong but, it’s not in that kind of meaning! What I expect from you was not that kind of reply Therese!”

That’s weird, he felt that he hasn’t done anything wrong but he suddenly feel that he had already drown under the depth.

While Renya squirms in agony from the thought, suddenly from behind, he heard a familiar voice calling to them.

“Eh, isn’t that Renya-san and Floria-san right!”

“Oo? Oo! That’s right, it’s them! It’s been a long time!”

“Eh?”

Everyone turned their sight toward the master of the voice at the same time and there stands people that Renya hadn’t met in a long time.

“Darel and Arda-san!? Why are you guys here?”

“That should be our line here. I never thought that you guys would go out from Eribeliris”

(The three warrior from Renya’s first big mission where he met Brenda)

Darel is as always having a nice fresh smile in his face. With how the warrior guild which is in majority filled with rought guys, he really did well that even a refreshing youth like him could make a name there.

“Oo, I see that you also go together with Miss Brenda. It’s good to see you healthy like this”

“Arda-san also not changed that much”

With log like arms and bearded face, Arda-san who looks like a mountain man laughs heartily hearing that.

Meeting unexpectedly with acquaintance like this made Renya and Floria laugh heartily too. In contrast, beside the three who knows them, Elvira and Therese step back a little from them to watch the state of things carefully.

“Why did you guys being too loud..... Oo, isn’t that Renya-dono and Floria-dono! Ah Brenda-dono is also present”

“Long time no see Greis-san. You guys also cross over to this continent right”

Renya bows his head toward Greis for his seniority and gives him a polite greeting.

As always he wears his full-of-minute-scratch plate mail without any discomfort. His brand new ax also seems to be just getting treated for maintenance. But most of all, he looks just as strong as ever.

No mistake, he must have gotten stronger from before. Renya’s nature as the war god naturally tells him that.

Even when he already reaches such senior age like this to keep on growing strong, he is a veteran brave warrior who still manages to preserve his dignity. Renya has a deep impression toward the warrior standing before him.

Because of that, despite being a higher existence himself, Renya still treat him with respect.

“But to think that I got to meet Renya-dono at such kind of place, this might be god-send luck for us”

“Is there any trouble?”

“Umu, seems like you guys haven’t taken any job yet so would you be willing to at least hear us out first?”

Renya looks back to the girls behind him, everyone nods at once seeing him.

“I don’t mind. It was just right as we are also in the middle of looking for jobs”

“Is that so? Then the time is also just right too. We know a good restaurant on the area so let’s talk while having lunch there”

From an unexpected reunion, the group smiles broadly as they head to the said restaurant. Well then, what kind of job request they will ask us to help?

Renya is getting excited with this first event in the new continent. (Dragon village is not counted)

Chapter 57 – The Job of a Veteran

“In the side of Eribelis, the situation on the entire continent has become pretty much settled down. Linked as a job spearheaded by the new kingdom, the job regarding to monster subjugation and maintaining public order while cooperating with the kingdom army has also increased considerably”

While Greiz subjugates the steak in front of his eyes, he also tells us about the latest situation in Eribelis continent.

Renya party and Greiz party are now inside a restaurant that gives off the atmosphere of the masses dinner that can be reached after walking for a bit from the government office. They then reserve one large room for their own use and are currently sit down on a table where the meal has been served up while telling each other about their own present condition.

This restaurant sells food originated from many other kingdoms and places which means that their menu list is, anyway, very abundance. The taste of every menu is above the standard level but the price can be considered as cheap. The only thing that is not satisfying enough is the portion of each serving but because of the cheap price, every customer would normally order multiple dishes at once.

But even so, it is still impossible for someone to taste the entire menu at once considering the abundant choice which resulting in many people wondered about it and becoming the restaurant frequent customer. They keep on coming back to enjoy the taste. This restaurant is one good example of a successful small profit and quick returns business.

“But even so, even with many jobs appears like that, I feel that it is better for us to let the newcomer do those jobs instead”

Darel skillfully use the knife and fork to enjoy a fish dish. From his table manner and the way he use his knife and fork, this youth really is refreshing in the eyes.

“We can just go and steal those greenhorn’s job right? Yet again, we also

need to fill our own needs too”

In contrast to the refreshing Darel, Arda is feasting on a manga meat (meat with a single bone attached. looks like a club) heartily. Just like the way he speaks, he seems to don't really mind with manner too much. Lucky for him that there are no one in his party that mind his rough attitude like that.

“With that kind of circumstances, we decided to travel all this way down to this city, Suminiastar. After all, Tosminia kingdom, in both good and bad meaning, is always filled to the brim with jobs”

“Looking for jobs abroad right?”

“That's right”

Against Greiz who talks calmly about his situation, Renya can only give a wry smile back.

They are not counted as mercenary but as someone who lives from an occupation that is also closely related to battle, they would find fewer jobs for them to do in peaceful times. Looking at how they struggle so much for their well beings, Renya realizes another harshness of reality even in this fantasy world.

“Well, that was what we thought before but..... when we arrived at the guild yesterday, we heard some bad news”

“Bad news?”

Renya pauses his meal to focuses on the discussion and seeing that, Greiz voice get lowered by a tone.

“The Commerce Kingdom Faskurn and the Mercenary Kingdom Ezemeria is opening small skirmish against each other. Have you heard this news?”

“Yeah, but only on the level of gossip”

Actually, he knows that thanks to Anrietta's intel works but he doesn't need to answer honestly right?

“In the first place, don't you find it weird? Even if Ezemeria is only a gathering of many mercenaries from various kingdoms, they still hold the most military power in this continent. Politically, their influence to the neighborhood kingdom is also not small”

“Indeed it is so. Even when there are no industries in their own kingdom, they

can still compensate it by pillaging others for it and this kingdom is actually capable for it”

From Brenda explanation easy to understand explanation, people might think of Ezemeria kingdom as a kingdom filled with savage tribe or some kind but well, they are indeed savage tribe. At least no one here could deny that. But when asked whether that kingdom is a belligerent one then the answer is positively a no. After all, their main source of income was from lending soldiers to other kingdom at war. If other kingdom is at strife then they would definitely be happy but if the war would affects their own kingdom then they would not get any profit at all from it.

“And then in the opposite side, Faskurn only had a minimum amount of soldier that is not even worth to be called an army. If they really did face head on then, there is no doubt that Faskurn will lose miserably. But here is the weird part, from what I heard, the one who started the aggression was most likely from the Faskurn side not the Ezemeria side”

“..... It suddenly become really hard to believe”

Renya doesn't really excel much in the field of strategy and tactics to understand the war between kingdoms like this but if he makes an imagination of it like it was from a game then he would somehow manage.

If it was a fight between 10 elites and 100 new recruit, even on top of the paper the number is smaller, there are still chances for the inferior one in number to win. But from what he heard just now, the military power between Faskurn and Ezemeria is definitely put Faskurn in a total disadvantage.

If Faskurn use their mighty assets to hire a lot of mercenary to win the battle then it might still be feasible but, the one that Faskurn pick a fight to is the one who normally would lend them those mercenary and that fact is really weird. Seems like they have another ace in hand that makes them feel confident in winning.

“We also gather intel to some degree but we also heard some news from the border of Faskurn that support the fact that they are at war. This news authenticity is also high”

“To double check the information that Arda-san gathers, I visited some other guild to exchange information and it seems to be the truth. And from my

inquiry, I even heard weirder information. That information tells me that the one in the advantage now is on the Faskurn side!” Darel adds more shocking info from what Arda said.

“What the heck. There should be a limit for being fishy!”

Hearing Floria’s frank impression about the information, Arda and Darel can only return a wry smile while nodding in agreement.

“Faskurn had acquired something that can even face up with an army of elite mercenary. Is that what you want to say?”

To Renya question, Greiz only answer him back with a silent nod.

“At least that’s how the guilds draw their conclusion. But then again this is a problem between kingdoms so as long as the guilds don’t receive any real harm then they decided to keep watching the development in the sidelines. But even so, they still maintain their vigilance in case anything did happen”

Greiz pause his story in that point for a while.

He must came into a conclusion that it wouldn’t be right to keep on talking as the rest of the information was merely just a speculation after all.

“And here comes the main issue, because of that war, Ezemeria had published out a notices to all the mercenary guild all around the continent. The notices order all of the mercenaries out there to come back to the kingdom and participate in the war”

“..... I see where this leads to Greiz-san. There people that can take dangerous job suddenly decreases sharply right?”

“It is indeed just like Renya-dono concluded. Especially here in Tosminia, everywhere is lacking the necessary manpower. To make thing worse, bandit and brigand are taking advantage of the situation to run amok wildly. Of course we as the member of warrior guild are also planning to go forward and subjugate them but..... there is one particular nuisance troubling us”

“Is that nuisance can even made Greiz-san party troubled?”

“Their scope is already troubling but, the worst one is that the group seems to have a magician acting as their leader. If we just blindly compete with them by number, I’m afraid that even if we could win, there will be too many sacrifices and that is troubling”

Indeed that would be the case. For example if there are 30 warriors facing off against 20 warriors and 10 magicians then the group of 30 warriors would be at an overwhelming disadvantage. Even when individual battle prowess are to be overlooked, facing a group of magician means that trying to control the damage to stay low is impossible because the magician can attack from afar.

“And maybe because of that magician also, that bandit group conduct themselves in a skillful manner. They won’t show up their figure at all during the day and they frequently change their base making it hard to track their tail”
“An example of when a group of ruffian is leaded by an intelligent guy right?”
“That’s right. But even when they rarely show themselves, the harm they cause is devastating. Especially to the merchant it was disaster. There are already many merchant became victim to this bandit group attack”
“To do damage that even can disturb the circulation of goods is already at the level where it is impossible to ignore them. This is troubling indeed, we have planned to stay in this city for a while after all”

Even when Renya said that, he still gives out a grin back at Greiz. Seeing that grin, Greiz could guess what Renya’s answer already so he also returns a fearless smile. From his expression, he seems to say that Renya is an understanding guy and save him from troublesome explanation.

“After this, I will select some personnel to join this bandit group subjugation so how about you guys? Would Renya-dono and party also join this job? Of course we will give extra for the rewards”
“I don’t really mind but, How about Floria and the girls?”

Renya ask the girls that are sitting quietly by his side but no one gives out an objection.

“Easy Peasy!”
“There are no reasons to object anyway”
“For me, what Renya-sama decides is everything”
“I will also work hard for the job desu!”

Hearing his companions answer, Renya nods in satisfaction and turn his head to face Graiz again.

“And that how it is. We will formally receive the job now. Can we leave the

details to you?"

"Of course. Leave it to us to settle the details. When we decided on the day we will give you a notice so could you tell us where you stay"

Renya and Graiz exchange a memo filled with their contact address. Now that the troublesome talk is over, the atmosphere gradually changed from a strained one into an easygoing eating out party. The most obvious change is especially shown by Arda as he order more meat dish as well as alcohol only to be stopped by Graiz.

"There are women and children here, anyway I don't approve of drinking in the noon"

"Leader, don't be so strict. This is a rare chance to have lunch together with these beauties. And we also don't have anything else to do after this right? A bit of relaxation won't hurt"

"Is that so? Well, I am agree with your point about having lunch with many beauties but if you relax too much and get drunk only to have a sudden impulse of trying to touch those beauties then I can't guarantee your safety as either Renya-dono's sword might cut you apart or violent magic will blow you to the smithereens. If you think that it's worth that risk then I won't stop you"

"..... Boy?"

Graiz said that without any joking tone instead, he put his charisma as the leader to make him sound more convincing. Arda who heard that reflexively turn his head towards Renya to ask for his affirmation.

"N? No no, I won't go that far"

"That's not it? Of course you won't right haha"

"Of course. If such daredevil are to die easily then I'll be troubled right? My punishment would not make them die but they won't feel alive either. I must make them absolutely regret their sin of trying to put their hand on my women"

His happiness only lived shortly as Renya's next announcement is proved to be very ruthless.

Arda can only gulp down a glass of water to wash off the nervousness building up in his heart.

"Arda-san, as the occasion is just right I'm going to say my opinion also. I think

it's better for you to do something for that bad habit of yours of making a pass at women when you drunk”

Even the youngest in the party, Darel, is also giving his advice to Arda. It seems like Arda really have a double bad habit combo of being a drunkard and also a philanderer at the same time. Seems like his attitude also doesn't deviate much from the impression his looks gives, a somewhat bad uncle.

“Oi oi Darel, why did you also blame me”

“How could I not blame it too? Because I am stuck with you in this party, every time Arda-san got drunk in the guild drinking party and scare the girl working on the shop, the responsibility of calming them down would always fall to me you know?”

“Isn't that giving you side benefit?”

“I'm already engaged with someone so I would like to veto any trouble related to women”

Darel who doesn't act cooperative in the least made Arda feel discontent but a sudden unexpected backup from Brenda and the other come after they feel sympathy toward him.

“In my opinion, under the influence of alcohol, men will much less go along with the impetus and I somehow can still understand that feeling but you must not misunderstand. Women might understand the act but for letting it pass because you were drunk is another matter altogether”

“I think it's not right to use alcohol as a charm to null your wrong. I won't deny the desire of wanting to get drunk but as expected having all things in moderation is also a way of virtue”

“..... O-ou. You guys are right. Drinking alcohol when the sun is still high is not good”

Did anyone say backup? Yes it was. A backup to give the last push for a peaceful lunch that is.

Arda who sense this bad situation quickly withdraw obediently. As expected veteran, even when losing face, he still sharp enough to read the best timing to withdraw to minimize the damage done.

“But then again Renya-san party is really amazing. From a glance they seemed

just like a garden of beautiful flower no matter how you look at it but when looking at each one of them carefully, I can see that each one of this beautiful flower has thorn strong enough to make anyone looking down on them regrets”
“Oh Darel, you can tell?”

“Of course. My insight might not as strong as leader or Arda-san but I still someone who they think worthy enough to join their party”

Even when he says it like that, Renya knows that he is not boasting himself in that sentence. Back at the time when they fight the iron golem together, added with his swordsmanship, the way he use his buckler which not meant to block but rather to control his opponent is really exquisite. Even when he just looks a bit older than Renya’s outer appearance, Renya could see that he is stronger than any ordinary veteran that he knows. He is strong, handsome, and is even able to look out for others. Even now under his gentle expression, a few waitress of the shop have their eyes turned into hearts.

He have a fiancée, hearing such a statement from a guy like him would make other people naturally accepts it. If it was on his previous live, Renya would definitely feel jealous of Darel but for the present him, he would just give a light comment on how a guy like him deserves it and just forgot about it.

“Oi oi Darel, you always scold me for always getting my hands on women every time but why don’t you also scold this boy?”

“What are you talking about Arda-san? These girls here no matter how you see them are having strong feeling toward Renya-san and they willingly follow him on his journey because they want to be together with him. For them to have mutual understanding like this shows just how big Renya-san capability is as a person. And a normal person such as me naturally could say nothing to deny him”

“You are really bought off by the boy charisma..... Well, not like I don’t know why though”

“If you understand then why don’t you do something about that bad habit of yours, Arda? As expected even I can’t laugh when the guild receive complain from the shop about your behavior. It wouldn’t be weird if even a direct punishment from the guildmaster come you know?”

“..... Roger that leader”

Hearing that, all the member laugh from Arda's predicament. The lunch together meeting finally finished with a gentle atmosphere and they part ways. But in the way back, Floria suddenly says:

"Listen Renya, in the middle of the job, you better watch Darel closely okay?"

"N? Why is that?"

"Before doing a dangerous job, he declares his engagement. Isn't that what you usually call, a death flag?"

"..... When I calmly think back about it, it did sound like that. Indeed having him died on the job is not a good thing but would you worry this much just because a flag like this?"

"Well, no matter what the reason is, being more careful about things won't give a bad result right?"

"..... You are right. Even if my new constitution, the flag breaker, which is getting more and more established within me run amok once again, I will do my best to finish the next job as another great success!"

"Yes, that's the spirit!"

Eventually, the night falls in this new land.

Chapter 58 – Meeting Again

On a wasteland located on the north of Suminastar.

On the side of the pavement road that leads to Rindieze Kingdom, a group of people can be seen camping.

The sun has set for a while and the only things that illuminate them are only the dim moon light from above and the light generated from their camp fire.

“Let’s go according to plan shall we. The front group will stall their guards while the sneaking group will surround and take over the horse cart. Until the sneaking group gives out the sign, don’t chase them too far okay?”

“It’s alright, no problem. We have more people here. This job will be just as easy as the job before”

Not far from the camp, there are a group of men wearing hood and armor set made of leather. They laugh silently as they discuss something that sounds dangerous.

There are already twenty of them lurking under the shadow of a boulder. They are all waiting impatiently for their leader signal.

After a bit while, the man leading them in the front silently lift his hand. With only that signal, that group of people spread out to their planned position. Their movements are neat and organized. This group seems to be a well-trained one and it proven by how they managed to surround the campsite without taking much time.

It seems like there are only 3 people acting as the guard in the camp.

If one guard is to be surrounded by 3 people, then much less stalling, they can even finish the 3 guards quickly. And after they deal with the guards, they can steal the horse cart and all other valuables then the job for the night will be over.

That’s right, tonight job will be another easy one — as the bandit leader think so.

The guards noticed his underlings sneaking toward him and start fighting. When he affirms that, he gives the sign to surround the horse cart while he also jumps

into action.

“Well, this is an orthodox strategy but to think it will work out so well”

But he immediately got thrown out by a sudden kick that is followed by an appalled voice.

“GUHA!?”

Seeing their leader suddenly tumbled over like that, his underlings around got stunned as their legs stop moving spontaneously.

But that moment of delay is proven to be fatal as hail of light bullets, ice bullets, and arrows suddenly shoot out from inside the horse cart aiming straight to those bandit underlings that had turned into a sitting duck target in that moment and pierce through them without them even realizing it.

“GYAA!”

“BOHE!”

“DOA!”

“HIGI!”

Amongst those who shriek out from pain, seems like there are some unlucky one who got hit on delicate places but anyway, around 10 bandit underling got immobilized in that instant.

The one who looks like the bandit leader can only sit there dumbfounded as his brain can't follow what had just happened in front of his eyes which is something that totally different from what he had imagined before.

But it seems like he still have the nerve to regains his calm and he thinks of casting his magic to create chaos so he can create chances for him to slip out from this situation.

“Oops, no magic allowed now”

“GUHA!”

Renya who feels a fluctuation of magic on the bandit leader body conclude that he must've tried to form magic runes so he quickly come and kick him square in the chest to disturb his spell casting or whatever it was by not letting him concentrate.

The powerful impact seems like to penetrate the leather armor defensive power and made the bandit leader to have difficulty in breathing which in turn

also made the constructed magic words got extinguished.

The bandit leader thinks hard for a solution but he seems to be already checkmated.

At that time, he finally realizes that the sound of steel hitting against each other had already stopped sounding.

He got roused up, it seems like there are still hope for him. The bandit leader then screams with all he had.

“O-Oi you guys! If you had finished there then quickly come here and save me!!”

Too bad for him, because his sight is obstructed by the horse cart, he can't see the situation on the other side.

“Well then, did we have an obligation to save that bandit boss no matter what leader?” Arda walks up while looking at Greiz jokingly.

“Nope, not at all. It seems like his fear got the best of him and made him hallucinate or so” Greiz just follow along with Arda joke and gives out his logical opinion.

“What leader said sounds to be true, he is just someone who got baited by this kind of trap after all” and Darel just give the finisher to mock the bandit leader.

The bandit leader had made light of these warrior guild elites combat power and earned his just due.

And on that day, one bandit group got eliminated in just one night.



What Renya proposes as the capturing strategy is actually quite simple. From the information he heard about the bandit before, he knows that the bandit have a habit of constantly changing their base, it is clear that they are afraid of getting their tail tracked easily. Everyone could guess their hideout easily if they stay still in one place. After all, people could just guess it from the location of attacks and rough direction they come from. So Renya concluded that this group moves their base around while also executing their attacks. If it was like that then this bandit group should be divided into two major groups no matter how big they are. The 1st group is the group that will do the attack while the 2nd group is responsible for their mobility.

There, Renya decided to lure the bandit group into a trap instead of chasing them around. His party and Greiz party will disguise as a trade caravan with the 3 from warrior guild acting as the guard and start traveling outside just like a normal merchant caravan that is doing its job trading to other city.

The bandit group that they chased attacks randomly without any significant pattern across the continent but most of the attacks seemingly to follow 1 similar pattern: and that is that each attack usually happened not too far from a city. From this Renya and the others roughly guess their current position and set a trap to catch the bandit group's attack group.

And the result is perfect. They made the one bandit acting as the leader to spit out all the information about their meeting point and other related information. But unexpectedly, they don't need to chase the mobile group as the mobile group is closing in by themselves to the camp. They must've thought that the attack group's attack was a success and they move in to join them. But too bad for them, what awaits for them there was not their ally but instead a surprise attack. With that, Renya and his companion managed to capture more than 30 bandits just like that and take them to jail.

They suffered no damage.

The job that they accepted had been perfectly accomplished without any complain.

“WAHAHA! Just thinking about how smooth the strategy went, I just can't stop laughing”

Arda's mood is considerably good as he keeps on laughing. Well, it's not like I don't understand his feeling. After all we managed to finish the job without much receiving any damage and without having to spend much on the usual expense to do the job but still managed to land ourselves for the prize money which is not little either.

Adding to that, when Renya work out the plan, he said that because he planned to use surprise attack as the main point of his strategy, he asked Greiz team to only move out with other team that is familiar with each other to increase the success rate. But because there is no other team that is familiar enough with them, in the end, they do the mission with only the 8 of them.

Because of the scale of the mission, the one who issues the job, Tosminia Kingdom, also prepares a big reward because they also thought that this

mission isn't feasible with only a small number of people. But when they learnt of the fact that the job was accomplished by a team that had a far below number of member than what they had guessed before, it just surprised them greatly.

"Arda, I understand how you feel but calm down a bit. This time job finished with a great success is mostly thanks to Renya-dono's party support. Self-conceit will only bring oneself doom you know?"

"Roger that leader. But I'm really surprised by your party member, boy. Seems like Darel's judgment about your party not being normal hit the home"

"You can say that again Arda-san. With an offensive forward Renya-san as the center, there are the balanced all-arounder Floria-san, stable vanguard Elvira-san, and lastly, there are Brenda-san and Therese-san waiting in the back as rear support. Not only their team balance is superb, their individual ability is also first class. I can't even find a hole in their party composition"

After not meeting them for a while, the trio from warrior guild is really surprised by how much Renya's party has grown and they keep on praising them without holding back.

But everyone in the party doesn't feel proud of it and act humble as usual. Even Renya is smiling awkwardly inside his heart.

(Well, what do you expect from a rule breaking god's private party)

There are war god, a goddess, and a dragon in the party. And even if the other 2 member are just a normal human, they are still someone who manages to receive the war god divine protection no matter how small it is.

With that kind of lineup, finding a human who could stand up decently against them would be very difficult. After all, the previous mission still a big success even when they still holding back their true power. If they went all out, they might even win against a kingdom's entire army so against those bandits small fry, this result can only be said as something natural.

"Anyway, we are grateful for Renya-dono's support. It would be not wrong to say that we could managed to subjugate those bandits in this kind of smart way is all thanks to you guys"

"You are welcome but we would not be able to do the job by ourselves either. After all I'm the only man in my party. We don't look dependable enough to

receive such big quest which often resulted in us getting rejected from accepting the job. Thanks for letting us work together with your party too, Greiz-san”

“Indeed that is so. Not much people would believe you guys true ability only from the rumors. But because of this job, you might not have that much problem with that while still staying here in the future. Well, if there are indeed troubles then you can just come and visit the warrior guild for help. We will be staying here for a while so feel free to contact us. You can even leave messages for us in the guild”

“What will your group do next, Greiz-san?”

“We received reports about some dangerous aquatic monster creating their nest in the southern river. I assume that we will cooperate with the magician guild for this subjugation job”

“You guys really are in great demand nowadays”

“Well, we won’t complain as long as there are jobs for us. Well, because our next job has been decided we need to make preparation for it so until we meet again”

“Understood, good luck”

“Yeah. You guys too, good luck. When we have free time let’s meet again”

After saying their goodbye, Greiz party left.

When their figure swallowed down by the flood of people around and gone from sight, Renya do a quick stretch then turns back looking at the girls.

“Well then, we managed to get a jackpot this time so what should we do next?”

“I think we should go back to our lodge first, no, we must go back. Haa I’m tired~”

“You are using the [Archer] job this time right? Why did you feel tired when you don’t need to move much?”

“Eee~~ why did you say it like that? I also work hard you know?”

Floria slowly nuzzled her body against Renya’s body like saying ‘praise me~ praise me~’ to him with her act. But Renya just coldly peeled her off him. It doesn’t mean that he doesn’t feel happy from Floria’s skinship. He just doesn’t want to become too conspicuous in a bad way in the middle of public places like

this. For once, he knows that it was already too late but he just doesn't want to give up trying just yet. Well, condolence for him.

"I'm sorry Brenda, Elvira, but could you help me throwing this little trouble to our lodging?"

"Okay, I understand. What will you do after this Renya?"

"I will check the job bulletin board once again just in case. Therese, would you like to join me?"

"Yes, I'd be glad to desu!"

"Then Renya-sama, we will take Floria-san home to lull her to sleep, please be careful"

"Hey! Elvira!? Don't you think it's cruel to treat me like this!?"

"Ufufufu, is that so? I don't realize it myself"

"What is this bad feeling did I feel!" Floria scream out loud but Elvira just ignores her and drags her along by force. Brenda then follow after the two calmly like usual. After seeing of the three girls, Renya and Therese walks back again to the government office.

Renya and Therese then go through the door of the government office but they noticed that there is some kind of disturbance in around the receptionist area. Taking a better look at the disturbance, he could see a troubled female receptionist and..... a little girl that he had seen before.

"Umm..... I know you are quite capable from your record but this one is kinda....."

"..... No matter what..... no good.....?"

"This job requires you to be in a party with a few people in it. Even a temporary one is okay you know?"

"....."

Twin sword and chestnut colored hair.

There's no mistaking it. That must be the girl that bumps into Therese in the front door yesterday. He knows that he felt a hunch that Therese would meet again with her but even he is surprised to meet again with her this fast.

"Oniisan, that girl, is the girl from yesterday desu"

"Indeed she is"

"She seems to be troubled with something desu....."

“Seems like that, then will you go?”

“Fue?”

“We fated to meet again right? Don’t you say that you would say hi to her the next time we meet?”

“..... I’ll go desu!”

(A god’s hunch really is omnipotent)

A second meeting means that they are connected with something similar to fate. He only heard a little bit of their conversation but it seems like she needs to get more people to work together with her. Confident with his conclusion, Renya then goes into action to try to give a helping hand to the girl.

“Excuse me”

“Ah, Renya-san. What’s the matter? Is there any problem with the prize money that you just received before?”

“No, it’s not that. I just happen to overheard you two talking and it seems like this girl here is having trouble with receiving a job right? Could I get the details?”

“Yes it is. Actually, the job that she tried to get is quite a dangerous one. It is a job to subjugate a dangerous monster that is. We know how capable she is from her record but by our standard, this job need to be done by at least a small group of people and that also become the requirement to accept the job. We just can’t send her alone to do such dangerous mission.....”

I understand the receptionist girl’s logic.

No matter how strong you are, no matter how great your achievement in the past were, there are limits of what you can do if you do things alone.

And as the kingdom’s agency, the government office also could not just use the wanderer like they are sacrificial pawn so what they do in rejecting the girl’s request to accept the job is also the right and natural way to do.

Renya then turns his head to face the girl. With his power as a god, he, who already had a good judgment skill when looking at people become even better at it, concludes that he can’t feel anything evil from the girl. Rather, her eyes are just too straightforward that he even feels somewhat awkward when looking at her eyes.

“Hi there”

“..... E.....?”

The girl seems to be surprised from being called that she opens her eyes wide. No, it seems like she is not acting like that because she is surprised from Renya calling her. But why did she gives this much reaction from a mere greetings?

“..... Oniichan.....”

“E?”

She suddenly said something unexpected that made Renya confused now. She also seems to be surprised from what she reflexively said so she just shake her head.

“..... I’m sorry..... Besides eyes and hair color..... you look a bit, similar”

“..... Is that so? Well, I don’t really mind so it’s alright. Anyway could I have a second?”

“..... What is it?”

“That job request that you are doing, do you want to take it no matter what?”

“..... If I could. It is good to have money..... There is many other jobs now so..... not a problem”

“I understand. We just don’t know when we can earn this much money again so it’s best to earn as much as we can right?”

The girl just silently nods.

“Well then, how about join a party with us? Of course the reward will be equal for both parties. You will get 50% and my party will also get 50%”

“..... I’m happy. But, is it alright?”

“We are basically not separates our party money individually. If we get paid more than our party activity cost then even half of the reward is alright”

(Eros: sounds damn suspicious for me)

To make the other party feel comfortable, Renya gives out a warm smile. (Eros: okay, my imagination just show some suspicious lewd smile)

The girl still seems to feel hesitated for Renya proposal but then Therese come and try to give her the last push.

“Listen listen! A job with big reward is usually not only gives bigger risk, but also has an expensive basic expense desu. If you go alone then you have to prepare for medicine and then there’s also the problem if you broke your

equipment desu. If you add them up, in the end, won't your prize money just get lessen desune? That's why, it's better to go together desu!"

"..... A, it's you....."

"Hau > < , Re,ReReRe-ReNYA-san! She remembers me desu!"

"Well it was just yesterday after all"

Renya just smile wryly while gently pats Therese's head.

"Our girl here is pretty concerned looking at you who works your best alone like that. That's why I call you up. It might be fate after all so would you like to try working together with us?"

"Renya-san! That 'our girl here' sounds a bit cruel don't you think desuka!?"

Looking at Therese who is pouting cutely from her interaction with Renya, the girl was surprised for a moment.

Then silently, the sides of her lips are slightly tilted. She then slowly nods her head.

"..... Okay, I understand. Then we'll work together. Please help me"

"I-it's okay desu! We are also pleased to work with you"

Therese grabs both of the girl's hand and start swinging it up and down in happiness. It just happen to suddenly that the girl seems to be perplexed from Therese's action but she just let her do what she want.

"My name is Renya and this girl here is Therese. And you are?"

"..... A, I forgot....."

The girl fixed her pose then bows her head while she names herself.

"..... Rebecca Saxton, pleased to meet you"

Chapter 59 – Attraction between Flat Plains and Twin Hills

If there's one word to describe it that would be gluttony. Its ugly appearance is the embodiment of endless hunger. The thing that had spread its root inside this cave is surely, a monster. That monster that would attack and predates on anything and everything are just right there in front of their eyes.

Yes, it was in front of their eyes but...

“..... The heck, it's just one big ass venus flytrap”
“No, that's wrong Renya. It was a big ass venus flytrap combined with other plan type monster kind of monster? If it was just a big ass venus flytrap then it won't have those wriggly squirmy tentacles like that”

Against Floria correction, Renya just silently nods. Inside this cave where the sunlight can't get through, the thing that awaits them is surprisingly, a plant type monster. In addition, that monster outer looks is just similar to a bug-eating plant that Renya quite familiar with so his excitement from adventuring the unknown just fade out quickly without any traces. Inside the cave, there is a humongous space where a few light ball floats by to help the party see the insides clearly. What the party can see inside is that monster hideous sight. They are now standing by in a passageway leading to that room while keeping their vigilance to plan their next move.

“..... If I not heard wrong, that thing had already exterminate a few other party already”
“According to the reports, from those who had officially accepted this mission, only one person managed to return alive”

Brenda is reading the report about the current mission that she had compiled before.

But even with that fact, around that plant monster, forgot about those wanderers corpse, there are not even any other monster corpse can be found. The only answer that can be concluded from that scene is only one.

“Not only biological creatures, it could even easily digest inorganic substances and even metallic things right?”

“There should be a limit on how omnivorous a creature can be desu”

When Elvira says the conclusion, Therese can only let out an appalled whisper. But everyone could understand her point is.

Renya want to ask the last one in the party, the newcomer Rebecca, for her opinion so he turned to look at her.

“Charging ahead seems to be a bad plan against that thing right? Melee member will defend against those tentacles while Brenda and Therese will shoot down its main body or weakness or whatsoever you could to take down that monster. Then Rebecca, what will you do?”

“..... I will, take parts in..... intercepting the tentacles..... I think”

“Okay. Let’s match up our pace then. Everyone, are you ready?”

The girls only nods silently to answer Renya’s question. Then they get themselves ready to attack.

“Let’s go!”

With Renya’s call as the starting sign, everyone rush into the area where the monster is and quickly assemble into formation.

The plant monster also seems to detect its prey as well because its tentacles which were calm just a moment ago are now vigorously moved as to quickly subdue this newfound prey.

This monster appears to be not the same as any bug eating plant from earth that will passively wait for its pray to get trapped, instead it will aggressively chase after them with its tentacles.

It has a lot of tentacles and each of those tentacles could move pretty swiftly. Although the monster’s main body can’t move, unless a warrior can perceive all movement from all 360 degrees around them, no matter how skillful that warrior is, they would definitely get eaten easily by this monster. Oppositely, for the warriors who are used to fight multiple opponents alone, they might be

able to handle this monster to an extent.

“Well, back to the basic, for plant type monster, the answer is fire right!”

As he screams, he lifts up his hand in which suddenly held a one handed ax which is colored in fiery crimson from its profound thick blade to the jewel embedded to it — It was one of his divine armament, the Volcanos. With the divine armament which held the power of raging flame, he starts to lop off any tentacles that try to get close to him.

When he releases Volcanos, a pillar of fire was produced which gives an oppressive looks but that's all to it. This ax main function is to one time nuke move to burn everything to cinder by throwing it. In short, a single use napalm bomb like throwing ax.

It only sized as big as any other one handed ax, it has poor reach which would give many trouble when using it.

But with its two simple action it can do, hack and burn, Volcanos is the most perfect bane for any plant type monster.

He moves forward to attract the attention of those tentacles. He managed to use the wide space inside this huge room to move about to avoid getting tangled by the tentacles while counter back by chopping those tentacles if he has the chances. His figure is just stand out too much in this opening of the battle.

“This number is indeed scary. We couldn't get close to the main body easily like this. Amongst all the immobile monster that I have met, this might be the one in the most troublesome category. Well that would only happen if I don't know how to counter it right though”

In contrast to Renya swift footwork, Elvira just stands still in place while holding her halberd. Using her halberd's long reach, after she concludes that there are enough tentacles coming into her range, she will cut them all down in one mighty swoop. With only that one action, she manages to sever many tentacles at once.

Every time she moves, a few tens of the tentacles would get severed in a single sweep. Pole-type weapon really have a magnificent attack range but added with Elvira's inhumanely power, it just reached another new level of destruction. Looking from aside, the sight of her mowing down all those tentacles might

shows illusions of Elvira cutting rows and rows of human head while her halberd changed it form into that of a death god's scythe. The sight of her somehow send shiver to anyone standing against her.

"Okay okay~ calm down boy, I know that there are some immobile preys standing still here so you just extend your tentacles to pick us up but..... I'm sorry to tell you that we don't really in favor for a tentacle play. Too bad for you!"

And another one who let out a jest in this kind of situation is the one who responsible in protecting Brenda who is trying to concentrate to cast her magic so she just keep on standing still and Therese who keep on shooting her gun at the monster's main body. Yes, you guessed it right. It is Floria.

The two around her was unfamiliar with the word 'tentacle play' but the situation is not good enough to ask the details from Floria so they just ignore her for now.

Just note that there's also Rebecca present here but Floria, who are not using any god authorities' power, just cutting tentacles after tentacles with only her bare hand.

Of course she is not just cutting those tentacles by her pure bare hand. She wraps over her hand with divine powers and uses it in a chop movement to cut the tentacles. Other people might think that she enchants her hand with some wind elemental magic though.

"..... Amazing....."

Rebecca can only stand there dumbfounded looking at Renya parties first class battle prowess. No, their might could not be described by that simple description. Their performances managed to steal her interest this much easily. But then she remembers that she also a member of this party for now. She can't just keep standing still there being dumbstruck all the time right?

"..... Nn!"

She started to construct two different magic runes inside her head. Then she manifests her magic in each of her arms. That is the magic that she constructs -- to enchant the plain iron swords on both of her hand with magic.

From her pair of swords, the one in her right hand is now getting covered with flames while the one in the left hand is now getting covered with raging wind. Two enchanted sword with different elements has born at that moment.

“..... I see, so she is an enchanter. And to think that she could control 2 different elements at the same time..... She really is not just any your average joe”

“Nn~, is enchanting magic a hard magic to use Brenda?”

“It is quite hard considered that you yourself have to keep on maintaining the magic. And to think that she managed to maintain two different elements at the same time shows just how superior she is from others”

Hearing Brenda’s explanation, Floria just let out a “He~” and nods, showing that she is impressed by their new member’s power.

Even with just her enchanting magic, Rebecca has proved that her ability is off the first class already.

The girl that controls over fire and wind kicks off the ground and leaps forward. At the same time, those tentacles are also welcoming her by raining her down itselfs on her.

Without looking at the tentacles, she already managed to sense the tentacles that are raining down to attack her.

“..... Dance.....!”

She crossed her pair of sword and let out a scissors like cutting movement. The crossed flame sword and wind sword is unleashed at the same time and sever off many tentacles on its way.

But cutting are just the beginning of her attack. The severed off tentacles then start to get burned by the flames off to cinders.

She kicks off the wall, running on the floor, dance in the air, then release another wave of flame x wind blade combo.

Her movement is just like doing acrobats. The team at first thought that she would unleash endless combo in melee range by her dual wield style but who could’ve thought that she would shoot out twin elemental sword by using enchanting magic like this.

Her battle style puts an importance to agility and nimbleness. Her style of fighting is just the exemplary method of one fighting against hundred that has

been said before. With a skill that could even make a first class fighter envious, the girl with the twin sword, Rebecca, dances gracefully inside the huge space in the caves.

“Fuwa..... that is amazing desu”

“You are right. I thought she would just jump up and slash straight but who knows that she would swirl around in the air first? She is just as agile as a cat”

Floria's comment might not be the appropriate one but she is totally right on one thing. The impression that Rebecca gives out are really similar to a cat. Just from her alertness when they talk with her for the first time or her inhumanely flexible movement, all of them are just similar to a cat and it strangely matches her well. With her fighting her best, the team can push down the attack and finish it quickly. Everyone started to feel optimist with the battle. But, Floria, who has the best intuition that even Renya is not her opponent, suddenly feels a bad omen coming.

And it was coming from the bottom.

“!!! Brenda, Therese, sorry!”

“Kya!?”

“Hyau!?”

Floria carry the two under her arms and quickly jump away from that spot. And when she does so, at the same time, the ground split and even more tentacles appear from underground. It seems like that plant monster had completely dominate this room since the very start and filled it with tentacles.

“..... A!”

Rebecca is quite unlucky in this sudden ambush and landed in the wrong place causing her one of her leg to get entangled with one of the tentacle. When she reflexively try to cut the tentacle entangling her leg, another tentacle entangles her arm that is about to be used to cut. At that moment, Rebecca naturally thinks: not good!

“I won't let you desu!!”

Therese who gets released first from Floria's under-arm carry quickly brandishes her gun and aims. She is not getting confused by the squirming tentacles all around her and shoots directly at the tentacles that are entangling

Rebecca freeing her.

The light bullets that have been enchanted with more piercing power easily pierce through those tentacles. The tentacles that got severed from the main body fall limply on the floor and disappear from sight like it got vaporized.

That superb marksmanship that Therese displayed is not only made Rebecca amazed, it surprised even Renya.

“Her precision which is already quite high from the start is getting even better..... You really did work hard Therese!”

Rebecca who broke free from her shackle in mid air managed to straighten her posture and landed without any trouble. From the way she rolls away to let the impact flow out immediately after she landed, she really seems to be used for this kind of mid air fight.

However, that movement of hers just made the impression of her being a cat gets even stronger though.

But after a brief moment of relief, when Rebecca raises her face to look around, the first thing that caught her eyes was that a few tentacles are ambushing Therese from her back.

“.....!”

I will not let you! Her expression seems to be screaming that.

After she saw her savior on danger, she reflexively run up quickly tries to save her back. And at that moment, she moves in a speed that even she herself does not dare to believe it as her own speed.

She managed to reach Therese in a flash and thoughtlessly slice out those tentacles with her twin sword. She just cut those tentacles so thoughtlessly that those tentacles are now finely sliced in small pieces even when there are no need to do such an over kill move. After she affirms that those tentacles won't move anymore, she turns her head to Therese.

“..... You alright?”

“Ye-yes desu. I'm alright desu! Thank you desu!”

Looking at Therese cute smile when she replies her question, Rebecca herself is confused on why she suddenly felt her cheeks get hotter.

She can't bear to look straightly at her straightforward gaze and unintentionally

turn her face aside.

“Renya, Elvira, get back!”

“.....! Ou!”

“Yes!”

With the sign from Brenda, Renya and Elvira swiftly retreat from the front line.

Brenda seems to be ready to cast her magic. But they can't afford her to get disturbed while casting her magic so Renya and Elvira position themselves around Brenda so they can easily protect her. They raise their alertness to detect any threat while also not forgetting to keep their alert against attacks from underground.

There is nothing that comes to disturb her.

Once Brenda affirms that, she releases the advanced magic that she has been amassed since a while ago.

“And with this, it's over right”

With that final word from Renya, The insides of the cave suddenly get frozen solid. Even the plant monster has turned into a giant ice sculpture now.



“HAKUSYUN! (Sneezes) Uuu I feel cold. Really, Brenda you overdid it too much!”

“There's no helping it, isn't it? I am not that familiar with fire elemental magic so all I can use to deal damage to that plant type monster is only ice elemental magic right?”

“I know your reason is not wrong but you don't have to freeze the whole cave like that right?”

“..... Floria, aren't you a goddess? You should be able to do something with your goddess power against the cold right?”

The last part was of course spoken in quiet voice.

There is after all an 'outsider', the new temporary team member that joined in only to do this mission, Rebecca, with them so they have to be careful to protect their secrets.

“I'm not that good at controlling divine power in such a delicate manner you

know~”

“..... Ah, that’s right. That was so stupid of me to even ask”

“Muu~ Don’t agree so easily like that~”

“Aah~ you are so disturbing! Don’t cling on me”

“Hey Brenda~ What do you feel when a breast bigger than yours pressing tightly on you like this? Hey hey, what do you feel? What do you feel?”

“..... Floria, I actually like your happy go lucky personality but... you better know your limit you know?”

“Hii! > < Why did it suddenly feel even colder than when we were inside the cave!?”

You reap what you sow you know?

After finished reporting their completion of the job, Renya return to the waiting room where his party member waiting for him only to look at Brenda heartlessly pulled on Floria’s cheek who is trying to ask for her forgiveness.

“What are you guys doing?”

“I’m only delivering some punishment to this girl who has a loose mouth”

“Aa, Floria said something too much again right? Well, it can’t be helped then”

“Eee!? Why did you give up on me too easily like that Renya!?”

“Because Brenda has a concrete reason to do so. Do you think I can coax her to change her opinion?”

“..... I’m sorry, I’ve ask for the impossible”

“So with that you be good and let Brenda scolds you some more. I have things I need to talk to Rebecca”

“You going to mark that big breast loli with your spit this fast? You really are so great I’m getting numb~!”

“.....Brenda, give her a one-step-higher scolding course”

“I’ll be glad to”

“A! Wa-wait! Time! Using magic to pinch me directly like that even I will feel GYAAAA!”

Renya decided to leave the punishment for Floria who just can’t help commenting at anything in a bad way like that to Brenda. Renya then go to one corner of the waiting room where Rebecca and Therese sit together.

“Rebecca-chan, thanks for your help earlier desu!”

“..... I’m also, thank you. You are also, help me earlier.....”

“No problem desu!”

They have been like that since the party gets back to the town. Maybe Therese is craving for a friend who is the same age that she has been assertively trying to start a conversation with Rebecca.

Rebecca only speaks a little but it doesn’t seem that she dislikes having a chat with Therese. The two looks harmonious when together like this.

Even Elvira is full of smile when she watches over the two of them chatting happily like that. Renya is not an exception either. Having Therese approach you with that cheerful smile of her, Renya feel that he can relate to what Rebecca are feeling now.

“Rebecca, sorry for the wait. Here is your share. As promised, half of the payment”

Renya hands over a heavy looking bulky pouch filled with gold coins. The gold coins filled the pouch is worth exactly 10000 En.

Considering the fact that the plant monster inside the cave aroused other monster to be more aggressive, the job provider wishes to subjugate the monster as soon as possible so they give a considerably more monetary reward than any other usual subjugation job.

“..... Thank you. If I go alone..... I would be in danger”

“You have also saved our Therese from danger so I thank you too”

Renya was not thanking her because of his habitual social interaction manner but because he really did feel thankful for what Rebecca done. And Rebecca who heard his thanks seems to feel happy for that too, she just nods shyly.

“Yup, that’s a good smile. Older brother here feel relieved you know”

“..... Do you?”

“Of course, I personally think that girls on the same age as Rebecca should smile like that more”

“..... I see”

She nods again hearing what Renya said. There is nobody except her who could understand what she meant with that nod.

But judging from her expression, it should be not something bad as Renya quickly concludes.

After storing the money pouch inside her bag, Rebecca bows her head down to Renya and his party.

“..... Thank you for today”

“No problem. If we have another chance, I’ll be counting on you again okay? Also, here”

“..... ? What..... is this paper?”

“This is the address of the lodge we live at. We will stay in this city for a while so if you have any trouble, feel free to pay us a visit”

“..... is that okay?”

“Of course it’s okay. We already became acquaintances after all. If you meet a dead end you can ask us for help okay. I know how hard you’ve been working yourself so don’t feel ashamed about it okay”

Because no matter how hard someone works, there will be a time when things just won’t work well like when she tries to take this job.

When times like that really come, you can depend on us. Even without saying it out loud, Rebecca could sense the genuine feeling from Renya. Added with Therese who is nodding happily, agreeing to what he said in his back, Rebecca feel really happy.

“..... Okay. Then -- until, next time”

“Ah, until next time”

“Rebecca-chan, until next time desu!”

The little girl nods happily while feeling a bit shy with their treatment. She then continues going back to her home feel thankful for this meeting.

Chapter 60 – The Longing for That Day in the Past

From her back figure, the little girl figure seems to only think about grievous things.

But the olden days are there no more.

There is only a pathetic figure of a man who only wish for bringing back the past there.

In the dim lit room where there is only one lamp to illuminates it, a figure of a little girl who endlessly tries to clean the filthy room in silence can be seen.

She tries to not create any sound as to not disturb the man concentration.

Just like always, she put down a leather bag filled with coins on top of the rack beside the table.

The man won't touch any of the food that the little girl brings to him nor would respond to her even if she says anything. He just silently takes the presented money bag and that's all.

Although being in a gloomy mood, the man is still stubbornly holding his life dearly so he takes that money bag.

But he not in the least recognizes the existence of his one and only lifeline, the little girl, at all. No, he doesn't even want to.

With that, it seems like the little girl had finished her business here so she quickly leaves.

The man doesn't even turn his head to look at her.

He only keeps on doing some kind of unclear research on top of the desk.

Those eyes of his had already lost the light of the living, yet those eyes are not dead yet either.

Because the only thing that those eyes can see is only one thing: the past.

And the little girl that existed beside him just now are not on the past that he seen.



(..... Ah, Lunch..... What should I do?)

Without any job to do and clear destination, Rebecca wanders aimlessly in the city while worried about where to eat today's lunch.

She doesn't feel comfortable making her own lunch at home so she would usually just eat out and she is currently troubled to choose in which food stall she will eat.

Even if she mostly works alone, she still managed and has completed quite a number of jobs by herself. So in the term of income, she has a better situation rather than any other average wanderer. She doesn't do any kinds of asceticism after all and she doesn't mind having a bit more luxury as delicious food is one from the few limited things that could give her the feeling of happiness. She doesn't want to give any compromise in it but that's also the reason of why she is now troubled by the choices.

Unable to choose, she decides to at least visit her favorite restaurant first then walk around there to see if there's any interesting shop but as she walks on towards her destination, she happens to meets with someone unexpected.

"Ah! It's Rebecca-chan desu!"

"Oo, you're right. We happen to meet at a good time"

They are Renya and Therese duo combi. Therese is especially seems delighted to meet her that the sparkle in her smile just increases twofold from usual just by seeing her.

"Good afternoon Rebecca-chan"

"..... Mm, afternoon"

It is not only Renya — Therese combi that are feeling surprised by their chance meeting, Rebecca is also feeling the same. It's only been a few days since they first met, and the time they are being together is also haven't been that long yet somehow, Therese just got very infatuated with her. Rebecca is actually feeling a bit overwhelmed by that matter.

The only thing clear for her is that she doesn't feel troubled from Therese affection.

But it just that, Therese straightforwardness when she showing her affection somehow makes Rebecca wants to keep her off at a distance instead.

Especially the figure of Renya and Therese together like that somehow happens

to be similar to a scene in her past which made Rebecca feel a bit complicated that she doesn't know what she should do with it.

"Sorry for being sudden but, have you had your lunch Rebecca?"

"..... No, I'm going to..... haven't decided what to eat"

Rebecca gives him her answer by cutely shakes her head left and right. But somehow, Renya who look at Rebecca action is getting stunned for a while without a clear reason.

Rebecca feel a bit worried seeing his reaction. She is afraid whether she does anything impolite that made the other side feel offended. After all, it's been awhile since the last time she talks with the kind of people that is similar to Renya so she might unknowingly did some mistakes but.

"..... A similar cute little-animal-like girl like Therese but with a different flavor eh..... How interesting"

(Eros: Police-san~ this is the guy!)

When Rebecca is seriously worried, such mysterious reply came back.

".....?"

Rebecca who doesn't understand what Renya means just now slightly tilts her head while looking up at him as they has quite a big gap in height. But those actions of hers are just, in many meaning, dangerous.

"..... Okay, let's clear my head first. My brain is almost reflexively screamed 'bag her home~' kind of stupid thing for a moment"

Renya then let out a big clear throat sound to refresh the atmosphere around while also calms his heart down. Seeing him like that made Rebecca becomes even more confused.

She definitely had something along the line of 'what the heck is this person doing' in her mind.

"Sorry, I got totally side-tracked there. We are about to go and having a lunch ourselves here but we are new around here you know? So if you have any recommendation of any good restaurant around could you please guide us there? Of course the food will be on me so let's eat together"

"..... I know some good restaurant..... but..... having lunch together..... are

you okay with that?"

"Of course we have no problem with that desu! Having a meal together with a friend isn't a bad thing in the slightest desu!"

Hearing Therese who gives her quick-reply with usual innocence, the corners of Rebecca's lips slightly arched upward.

Really, this girl could infect the people around her with her happiness with her straightforwardness only.

To Rebecca, who almost forgot how fun it is to talk to other people after being distant from it for so long, talking with Therese seems like to revive a part of her that has been withered for long and it made her feel happy.

"..... Okay..... let's go then. This way"

"Okay! I'll be in your care desu!"

Like it was a natural thing to do, Therese takes Rebecca hand and grabs it. Rebecca feels a bit surprised by it but she doesn't say anything and just let her hold her hand.

And then there is also Renya who look at the two with attentive warm eyes and follows them from behind.

This trio strange combination then walk a few minute from where they met before they finally reach their destination which is a certain small restaurant. The atmosphere inside the restaurant gives the impression of it as the restaurant for the masses. The melody that could be heard is the tumult noises from the customer ordering food. The waitresses that are busy dealing with the customer orders are filled with smile even when they are busy with their job. Even more, the aromas that drift along from the kitchen are fragrant enough to whet their appetite.

The situation can be described by the word noisy but at lunch time, if the restaurant isn't noisy like this, then it would make them feel suspicious about it instead. Reversely, if the restaurant is noisy, there would be better expectation from it.

Renya group follow the guide of the waitress and sit in the table next to the window. When they look at the menu, Renya and Therese finally know that this restaurant is a pasta specialist. The pasta menu in this restaurant is pretty much complete. One serving of the pasta is also bigger than the usual one man

portion because in this restaurant, one serving of pasta is meant to be eaten by multiple people together. One serving is priced more than the usual price for one serving in another restaurant because of the size but if you think that one serving can be divided for multiple people while also enable them to taste many kind of menu at once, it seems like a bargain indeed.

The three of them order the pasta that they like while Renya ask for another serving of salad and with that, they are done with their order.

While waiting, Therese assertively tried to start a conversation with Rebecca.

“And then desune, when I went around the free market desune, there’s a certain uncle who had unique items to sell desu”

“..... That place..... at times, there are people who bring a real bargain..... Therese, must have good eyes”

“Is that so desuka?”

Even with difficulties, Rebecca still tries her best to gives her replies after listening to Therese’s stories.

Looking at the two figures, Renya feel that he had to amend a little bit of his opinion about Rebecca disposition.

He thought that her being taciturn was because she doesn’t like having contact with other people but he was wrong. She is simply just a poor talker and she is also bad at expressing her feelings. Also, she seems to be aware of the fact so she just keeps her speech at minimum. Well, there might be other reasons too but it seems that her situation had somewhat force her prefer to go solo when doing job.

And there also Therese just being herself. Maybe she feels happy because she made a friend her age that she seems to be in even a higher spirits than usual.

Long ranged attack specialist Therese and close ranged specialist Rebecca.

If they party together, the two should have a good compatibility with each other.

If there are no issues then he really wants to recruit her to his party. Renya starts considering this for a moment.

(..... But then again, I feel like it’s too soon to talk about that)

Rebecca seems to live in this city anyway and Renya party planned to stay for a while in the city so there are still time.

For now, he decides that it would be better to try getting to know her better first. He doesn't want to say unnecessary things that might hurt the two girls' relationship. With that decision, he stops thinking about that for now.

"Thank you for the wait~"

And it seems that his timing is just matched with the moment the food they ordered finally reaches their table. The waitress skillfully brings the plate filled with the food they ordered and place those on top of their table. The cute waitresses' uniform which design magnificently pushes up their breast to emphasizing those really attracts any male's eyes but at the time, his appetite is larger than his desire so all of his concentrations are focused on the big place which exudes a good aroma in front of him.

There are a carbonara-like pasta with strong pepper smell that really tickles his appetites, an orthodox pasta with tomato sauce as the base, and a pasta that is garnished with mouth-watering thick slices of bacon cooked with butter. These menu line up is a great temptation to any human's appetite during lunch time.

"What a feast, then without any further ado"

"Okay desu. Rebecca-chan, which pasta would you like desuka?"

"..... Ee, then, the tomato sauce..... one"

"Okay~, then I will serve it for you desu"

And then, while enjoying their meal, they continue on chatting.

The one who mostly brings up the topic are both of Renya and Therese but Rebecca still tries her best to reply them even with difficulties. Seeing Rebecca doing her hardest like that, their heartstring just got tugged critically over and over again.

But the thing that surprises them the most is Rebecca appetite.

Despite her appearance, Therese appetite is quite on the normal standard but Rebecca manages to finish one portion of this restaurant pasta that is evidently surpasses a normal person stomach capacity with ease.

"..... Doing job..... moves a lot..... so have to eat properly"

And that is what her excuse for her appetite. Still, Renya think that it is amazing and he expresses his admiration to Rebecca.

Then he just casually looks at Rebecca's rich chest part that is growing too well

despite her age and Therese's poor chest part that is well matched with her age alternatively to compare them. And after a while, he nods like he finally understands something.

“So it was because the difference in appetite eh”

“Oniisan!? Just what do you mean by that and what do you use as comparison desuka, Oniisan!?”

“Don't worry Therese, yours are also have their own charm. It's a kind of status”

“Uwa~n! You definitely thought of something strange there desu!”

Renya laugh monotonically as he tries to avoid Therese relentless questioning while Therese letting out loud voices while clings on his hand.

Looking at the two sudden playful scene, Rebecca is stunned momentarily but then she understand the situation and slightly smiles.

“..... You two..... are close”

“Well but of course, we have been together for quite a while after all”

“For me, I keep on getting surprised each time I know more of Oniisan wonderful ability”

“..... is, that so”

The deep meaning behind Rebecca last weak respond is not yet known by the two.

Then the fun times passed in a blink of an eye. They finish their payment and walk out from the restaurant.

“Fuh, that was a feast. It is indeed a good restaurant. I will take Floria and the other girls here sometime”

“That's right, everyone will definitely want to try visit once they heard about this desune”

“Also, thanks again Rebecca. Thank you for telling us about that restaurant”

“..... No need. If you happy, then good”

She herself also got to enjoy a fun meal time after a long while. And she thinks that this kind of favor is not the one where they need to be feeling thankful anyway.

“Ah, that's right desu. Rebecca-chan, this is for you desu”

“..... What, is this? A bracelet.....?”

That is just a plain looking bracelet that is made of silver.

It was too big to fit her hand but after Therese whisper out some kind of incantation, the bracelet suddenly shrink to fit her hand.

“When you want to take it off, just say ‘anti’ desu”

“..... is this..... magic item.....?”

“It’s different desuyo. This is a magic tool that I created desu. It’s like a kind of magic talisman that is even usable to people who can’t use magic desu”

It is said that the magic talisman is a kind of defensive magic item that can be casually used for those who could use magic while this bracelet aren’t as convenient but instead, the bracelet will gives its wearer an absolute defense barrier that will activate when it detects danger in the wearer condition or even when it detects that the wearer feel something dangerous closing in instinctively.

“Although it is a bit inconvenient when compared to a magic item, as exchange, the effect when it activates are superb desu. Rebecca-chan seems to work alone most of the time so just in case, when the bracelet activates please go find a safe place before the effects wear out desuyo?”

“..... Is it okay? Giving such amazing thing”

“It’s okay desuyo~. I personally feel happy if the things I made could help other people like this desu. Even more so, if my creation could help out a friend when they need it the most desu”

Friend you say?

Looking at Therese who said that in a straight face made some forgotten emotion inside Rebecca to re-emerge from within her.

But she just endure the feeling that is flooding out from inside so it would not sweeps her away.

I can’t.

I mustn’t.

It is forbidden.

Showing that out is not allowed.

“..... Mm, thank you..... Therese”

She don’t want to let this new friend of her who smile brightly like the sun to

get involved with the distortion that she is crucified with. She replies to Therese with her usual expression as the mask that Rebecca tries so hard to keep up. She can only give Therese her genuine gratitude in the depth of her heart.

Chapter 61 – The Girl Bound by the Past

One day, the man's world suddenly got trapped inside the darkness. It was because of the bad news that his niece brings back. It was the news about the death of his beloved little sister. Of course, he didn't believe it at first. That should be a mistake! He didn't even want to hear the explanation that his niece desperately tried to convey.

But then, a week passed, a month passed. No matter how long he waited, his little sister who always shows her figure every time she finished her job still won't show up. And he at last became aware of the truth.
His beloved one is no more
No matter how many times he was told about the news, he still won't believe it. The feelings inside the man's heart which losing its destination is slowly turning into a bottomless vortex of nihilism.
No words can reach.
No feeling can reach.

When his niece who had lost her parent asked him whether she can stay in the house, he just gave her back one word: "Whatever". Just do as you wish. Because he won't do anything at all. His niece seemed to misunderstand the man because he kept shutting himself inside his room and started to give the man money from time to time. Then I will also do as I like. The man didn't have any intention to work, he didn't even have any motivation to continue living. But if there is money then he will use it.
While keeping himself alive longer, he spends all those money to the thing that might fulfill his dearest wish: a forbidden magic.

Resurrection Magic.

Life started everything then it will be ended with death.

It was the course of nature since the start of universe, an un-reversible fate no matter how hard one struggle against it.

This magic is an act of treason against that nature law as it delves in the domain that is forbidden for a mere mortal to touch.

After half a year of continuous research, his study on resurrection magic finally started to takes shape.

And then, like having been waiting for this time to come, someone suddenly appears behind him at that exact timing. But the man didn't seem to be surprised as he just casually turns back his head to take a glance at this sudden guest.

“..... You appearance timing is very precise. Don't tell me you that you do that on purpose?”

“No no, it was just a mere coincidence. Rather than that —- it seems to be completed yes?”

“..... Yeah, I got stumbled a lot at deciphering it but I have finally finished the magic formula based on the theory. It just —-”

“All the necessary things should have already been assembled. Isn't that right — Radis Saxton?”

The guest that appears behind him is a young man clad in black robe.



“..... Friend.....”

While Rebecca is lying on top of her shabby bed inside her private room, she thoughtlessly whispers that word as she gazes at the bracelet that wraps her right hand.

3 days had passed since she received this bracelet. Today also, she happened to bump into Renya and his party then after going along with the flow, she gone to do monster subjugation job together with them, join them on a late dinner party then went home.

Since meeting with Renya and his party, she feels that her usual flat emotional condition had begun to have quite a clear undulation in them.

After losing her older brother and mother, she's been living with her uncle whose eyes already dead and holing himself up all the time which made her

feeling died down too. But who can guess that in this short one week, she can feel that she herself had changed so much.

She is actually not blood related to her older brother. She never knows who her dad was. Her mother is also using the surname from her own family so there are no more clues left about who her dad was. Well, Rebecca herself doesn't even care about that from the start though.

And the reason for that is because, she already has a family that she should cherish.

[Mommy and your older brother also not related by blood but we can get along pretty well don't we?]

When Mother takes older brother in, she doesn't even try to hide that fact and heartily said it out loud. When I think about it now, that was indeed a thing inappropriate to say to a little kid. But well, because of that carelessness, it made her think that being a family is not that big of a deal and could easily accepted her new family like that. It was all thanks to her mother being straightforward about things that she can easily understands them.

And the day that comes after that was really fun days coming one after another. Her older brother had a knack at using twin swords and it was also him who taught her the basic of dual wielding fighting style.

Her mother was a great magician but what she inherits was the exact opposite from her mother skillfulness in using various magic. The skill that she inherits from her magician mother is rather a specialized kind of magic as Rebecca asses herself.

And that skill is the enchanting magic.

It is a plain magic that lacks the showiness that a magic usually has so there are not many [magician] that learned them but it was popular among the swordsman and fighter as it has a large potential as a supporting skill. That was the word that her mother said to her like showing off her extensive knowledge. Her older brother praises her for her talent in swordsmanship and her mother praises her for her talent in enchanting magic.

And with that combination, it doesn't take long before she managed to create her own unique fighting style.

Even if her mastery level in each of the two skill were still unable to match the

other, if she used her various sword skill while under the effect of enchant magic, even while she is the youngest among her family, she won't become a burden for her mother and older brother.

And that fact is making Rebecca proud with herself. The other two can feel safe trusting their back to her. And in turn, Rebecca herself got supported by her family's trust. But then she knows that even that could easily crumbles apart. And it was half a year ago. It was at that time when the family of three and other group of wanderer doing the job to escort a merchant's caravan, when they suddenly got ambushed by a herd of strong monsters that she finally learned that. The herd of monsters came attacking all of the sudden without any kinds of warning made the other escort panicked. The only one who could still keep their calm was only his older brother and mother, only those two. The two decided to act as a bait to lure the monster herd away while the rest of the escort will quickly leads the caravan to safety. When that division of role concluded, no one raised objection. No one, with the exception of Rebecca.

[There is no time to argue, just go Rebecca. If the merchant's caravan got attacked again by another monster then your power will definitely be needed]
[Just leave it to us. Mom and your older brother would definitely not get beaten by just that number of monsters right? Rather than that, I entrust the safety of the merchant in your hand okay?]

Because it was her that was entrusted then her mother will feel safe. With those words full of confidence from the two of them, Rebecca finally gave in and she then led the merchant's caravan to the best of her abilities to find a safe place as per how her family entrusted her with. She leads the caravan to repel back the monsters that didn't get baited by her mother and brother. She also suggested the caravan to do a dangerous forced march on the night which seems to be the right choice because they somehow managed to get back to the main road. The merchants and escorts alike all feel gratitude toward Rebecca.

After a short rest, Rebecca went back to the road she had taken. If she just

follows the road then she will definitely meet up with them.

Am I there yet?

Where are they?

While thinking such things in her mind, Rebecca kept on moving her leg towards her destination. And then, what awaits for her there was a cruel truth that is thrust before her.

Indeed all the monsters had been eliminated.

On the wasteland not far away from the main road.

The corpse of the two, who had used up all their strength, was still intact without any sign of being eaten in the least.

That was an unforgettable scene for Rebecca even until now.

Her brother corpse collapsed on top of her mother corpse like trying to cover her.

Her brother must have been trying his best until his last trying to take mother to escape from here but his strength is ultimately not enough and collapsed when he managed to slay the last enemy. The corpses' condition makes it easy for anyone to imagine so.

There, Rebecca shed a seemingly her lifetime worth of tears.

She clung to those cold bodies that had long lost all its warmth. The sadness from losing a family member and the lament from her own powerlessness which indirectly leads to this result made her continue crying for quite a while.

After that, she then brings this news to her uncle and managed to finish the funeral service but her uncle then started to hole himself up as the result of the sudden bad news.

Just like her uncle's room closed door, the door to Rebecca feeling is also tightly shut for a long time.

And then, to Rebecca who spends such dark days for a long time, Renya and his party who assertively call out for her just seems bright like the sun.

That's why, the moment when she returns to this dark desolate room, her heart suddenly got crushed under by the feeling of worry and insecure.

“..... Is it..... not allowed.....”

Her uncle would probably, sometime in the future, turn back to the kind uncle he was before while her mother still alive.

Rebecca had believed that until now and because of that also that she keep on taking care of her uncle.

Well, even if ‘taking care’ sounds grand, what she actually did was only handing him some money. Because even if she tried to do more than that, her uncle just won’t recognize it at all.

Even when she tried to prepare food, he didn’t even turn his sight to her.

Even when she steeled her heart trying to talk to him, he totally ignores her.

So what Rebecca can do for him finally shrinks down into only giving him some money from time to time.

To Rebecca who didn’t inherit her mother pushy nature, that is the limit of what she can do for him. If it was mother who sees how terrible her uncle condition is, she definitely will drag him out, slap him in the face, and then scold him hysterically. And after that, she will admonish him so he will get back to the right track.

No matter how many times he needs it, she will keep on doing so.

Well, her mother was laughing at her saying that it was good that she didn’t inherit her un-ladylike fierce temper but at times like this, she really wish she inherits that traits too. She could only feel sadness every time she put money on her uncle’s table.

But even so, seeing her uncle still took the money and eats from time to time is already making Rebecca feel a bit better. But then again, does keep on brooding on those days that would never return probably just she herself abandoning the thought to change?

Doesn’t she also just the same as her uncle being stuck, unable to moving on? While thinking such things, Rebecca heavy eyelids are closing slowly.

She wishes that she could meet her family again even if it just in dream. While thinking about that, she slowly falls into a deep slumber.

At the same moment she falls asleep, the door of her room which supposed to be closed are getting silently opened.

After checking that the little girl had completely losing her consciousness, two man enter her room.

“..... And the place?”

“I have finished cleaning up a deserted fortress not far from here. I have also prepared the pedestal and magic circle for you to use.”

“..... You really are meticulous”

“That is because I had guessed you would already finish your research around this time. For a magician of your caliber, this kind of spell won’t even take a year. That is what I speculated from you”

“..... Oh really. But I will let myself be you bastards’ puppet for this time being..... This is only for the sake of my dearest wish I tell you”

“Of course. What we wished for is just to witness the finished magic formula that you had completed”

While saying that, the man in black robe takes Rebecca who is still fast asleep under his arm and leaves the room.

Radis just silently follows after the man. His expressionless face is already devoid of any emotions at all.



“..... ? !”

Rebecca awakened from her slumber from feeling a sense of discomfort and tried to get up but she can’t.

She couldn’t get up because both her arms and feet are bound with chains. When she realizes that someone had put her lying sprawled on the floor, her head instantly filled with many questions.

The room where she lies is had a very high ceiling that she can’t even confirm it with her sight.

At least, she knows that this place is not her room. She can still to some extent move her neck so she started to look around the room but all she can see around her are only torches that is hanged to the wall with uniformed interval. This room is just one massive room without anything in it.

“..... So you have woke up”

“..... Un..... cle”

Hearing her uncle voice that she hadn't heard in awhile made her shivers.

Just who is this person?

She just couldn't find any similarity between the man looking down on her and the uncle she used to know in the past. Moreover, his voice that is filled with bone-piercing ice cold emotion just made Rebecca can't stop shivering.

"Radis, the good time has arrived. Shall we start now?"

"..... Yeah, let's"

"..... What.....? What will..... you do?"

"That girl..... I will take Ribeira back to this world"

".....!?"

Take back? Who? Dead person?

Rebecca thought that her uncle had turned insane for a moment but from how her uncle said it, she manages to realize the hidden meaning behind his words.

"..... Resurrect..... the dead?"

"..... That's right"

"..... Such thing is..... impossible.....!"

"..... Perhaps. If the one doing it was just a mere mortal, that is. But, by the power of the [God] that this person worships, that impossible becomes possible. If it was impossible for a human then what about the omnipotent omniscient god? Resurrecting one mere human should be..... child's play to them"

Against her uncle who speaks with hollow emotion, Rebecca couldn't do anything except trembling in fear.

Now she knows how much despair had driven her uncle towards insanity in this half a year.

And then seeing their misfortune as a chance, that man in black robe must come along the ride to instigate her uncle into an even worse situation! There is no doubt about it. That was how Rebecca concluded as she glares at the black robed man.

"..... By using Ribeira's blood that is flowing within your vein..... I will..... take back Ribeira..... my..... dearest person.....!"

Radis silently lift up his right arm and began gathering his magic power.

Although faint, Rebecca can see the dim violet light emerges from the magic undulation. With the light from the magic, she can see her surrounding more clearer now and she finally realizes that the pedestal where she's been lying down is at the center of a big magic circle.

Uncle is for real.

Seeing her surrounding, she finally believes the fact that her uncle is going to try resurrecting her mother's with her life as exchange for real.

Does she feel sad from seeing her uncle tragic change?
Or does she laments herself of being powerless in stopping her uncle?
Or maybe she feel relieved because she realize that she still has this kind of feeling?

Many kinds of emotions rage around, tossing, and turning inside Rebecca's head and shaking her to her very core. But even so, looking from the light emitted by the magic that is getting stronger gradually, whether this ritual a success or a failure, she feels that this magic circle would only bring chaos and calamity to the world.

Despair.

That one word seems to be enough to force Rebecca to shut her heart tight. But even so, she still has one thing that she wants to ask her uncle no matter what.

Even if she knows she already could not be in relation anymore with the person looking down on her, because she also knows that in the past, her uncle was once a gentle person who always has that calming smile.

“..... Why.....?”

“..... If you want reason..... I only have one..... It was because I want to take back the person dearest to me..... that's all”

“.....”

“..... You are not Ribeira. Even if the blood that is flowing in those veins belong to Ribeira..... you are not the person that is dear to me”

That's why, I don't care.

Whatever.

Do as you wish.

Her uncle treatment to her doesn't change in the least. Rebecca is again come to a realization.

In this half a year, everything that she did for her uncle doesn't reach him at all. No let's rephrase that, she is choosing the wrong method to reach him. She should've done that like how her mother was. Be it by words or actions, she never tried to express her own feeling which leads her to this conclusion.

“..... Is..... that so.....”

For her, he is her last family she had.

She believed that the smile that she once saw would return back.

At least if he take it out on her physically it might even be better than this.

But the truth is, her uncle doesn't recognize her existence, he even doesn't put her inside his view at all.

This half a year has been a meaningless one.

As Rebecca realizes that, the magic formula construction is finished and the spell is activating.

The little girl is slowly enveloped by the muddy darkness and gets buried under it.

Chapter 62 – The Little Girl Who Walks Into the Future

“Rebecca-chan?”

“What’s the matter? Therese?”

After having a late dinner with Rebecca earlier having done a job together, the first thing that the party do after getting back to their lodging was to enjoy a hot bath to wash away their day fatigue. Having finished their bath earlier than the other members, Renya and Therese are enjoying a light hearted talk together when suddenly Therese calls out Rebecca’s name out of nowhere which made Renya surprised.

“Ah, no, I don’t know why but I somehow feel that Rebecca is calling to me desu. Why is it desshou?”

“..... I suddenly have a bad feeling about that. Hold on a bit, I will try to track Rebecca presence for a bit”

“Oniisan, that might just be my imagination desuyo. You don’t have to trouble yourself.....”

“Nope, in this kind of time, it is better to be paranoid like this. If nothing bad really happen then we can just laugh it off afterwards right?”

While saying that, Renya is trying to detect Rebecca presence by expanding a ripple of divine power to his surroundings.

He had been with her quite a lot in this one week so he is quite familiar with her presence and moreover, she also wears the bracelet that Therese gave to her before which he can’t be more familiar with. Finding her is an easy task, is what Renya think at first but when he finally detects Rebecca presence and those that are close to her, his expression becomes very grim.

“.....This feeling.....! That [God] from Ordough sect!”

“E-EEH!? Why did Rebecca-chan had something scary like that closeby!?”

“There is no time to think! Therese prepares yourself quick! I will send a

telepath to Floria telling her the situation and will wait for the others to get ready outside”

“Ye-yes! I understand desu!”

While taking a glance at Therese who flusteredly tries to prepares herself, Renya quickly wears his jacket and goes outside.

[Floria, its an emergency. I don't know the details but anyway Rebecca is in danger. I will take Therese to rush in first. Just in case, you guys should also prepares yourselves and get on standby inside our room!]

[Okay~ Orders Received! You two be careful okay!]

[Leave it to us!]

When he passes the lodge front door, it is already dark outside with the moon showing it face. He nonchalantly looks up to the sky and realizes that tonight is a full moon's night.

It seems like that this world also had things related with the full moon. His nonchalant action made Renya remember something quite important which accelerates his bad premonition even further.

“Oniisan!”

“So you've come. Therese, hold my hand! We'll gonna fly there!”

He uses his divine power to construct a perception blockade barrier then flies straight to the direction where he detects the presence of Rebecca.

Even if he doesn't know where the destination is, if there is a person there that he is familiar enough with, he could instantly teleport to that person side. It was a kind of space teleportation that is limited only for tracking purposes.

He just destroys the basic concept known as distance and managed to reach Rebecca side in just matter of seconds. And the two who managed to reach Rebecca side are currently taken aback by the scene unfolding before them.

“..... Th-the mud from that time.....!”

“..... Are we came to late.....? But I can still feel a reaction from her presence.....?”

Renya and Therese dash up to the center of the hall while still keeping their alertness to their surroundings. Renya doesn't know where they currently are because he just follows Rebecca presence as his guide to instantaneously

teleport but from the looks of it, he deduced that this place might be a ruined castle underground hall or something close to it.

He came to that conclusion because from the way he see it, this place is just one spacious room with no furniture or ornament. So at least this place is not an underground cemetery or some sort.

In front of Renya and Therese, is the already familiar black mud giant that is shrined on top of a pedestal, a man wearing black robe that is looking at the black mud giant with deep feeling of reverence, and another man with filthy clothes who is prostrating himself. There are only those three.

“.....Oh my? We have a guest even in such a place like this.....”

“What’s an Ordough-sect member like you doing in this place?”

Renya immediately pressing question while focusing his killing intent to overpower him but the man seems like to come to an understanding after confirming Renya’s figure with his sight and slightly nods.

“..... Are you perhaps, Renya Eastle?”

“..... If I am?”

“It is futile to feign ignorance now. That hair color, that appearance, you match perfectly to the information that we gather in Eribeliris”

Renya clicks his tongue hearing that. Well, he had been getting tangled with those guys a few times in the past and by checking those events, they could easily obtain his name. And to make things worse, his appearance with his black hair and black eyes are a rarity in this world which made him stands out a little bit too much.

No matter how much he tries to seal up those information about him, it is definitely a futile effort in the end and those information will eventually leak out.

“Are you really being hostile towards our [God]?”

“Who cares about that, it was you guys who do unpleasant things in front of me first aren’t you”

To choose being on a hostility state with a fanatic sect like this will only bring trouble. Who in their right mind would choose this path? Renya bluntly says that to the cultist face.

“Then, that means that my luck is just bad today, eh? No, this might be a good luck instead if I can put you to an end right here, right now. Don’t you agree?”

“..... With that mud giant? Indeed compared to the duke’s mud giant back in Eribeliris it is a bit bigger though.....”

“Yes! That mud giant you said is the vanguard of god that got resurrected by using the deep-rooted delusion which comes from the guy, Radis, that died over there. By possessing the living flesh of the [GOD], he has the power that far surpasses a mere human. He is a new soldier for our glorious sect”

“That kind of thing doesn’t matter desu! Where is Rebecca-chan desuka!?”

Against the man who fervently introduces his champion, Therese seems to run out of her patience and she shows her anger side of her which can be rarely seen. Mixed with her anger, she yells at the man but again, the man just smile like he is having fun of the situation.

“Rebecca? Aah, the little girl that is used as a sacrifice by that guy right? Much to my regret but that girl is already inside our soldier. Radis, believing that the art that I hand over to him as a resurrection spell, use that girl who is his niece as a sacrifice to resurrect his little sister”

“Eh.....?”

“He seems to misunderstand the magic grimoire that we craftily forged as a magic grimoire which contains the secret of resurrection spell. And at the end of his deeply-rooted delusion, we made him complete the spell so he could become one of our soldiers of [God]. After all, this magic would consume both the caster and the sacrifice live in the process you know”

The guy gives a long explanation about his soldier with a satisfied look. And at the end of his line of sight, is the corpse of Radis which had already cooled down.

“The despair from the sacrifice will be the nutrient needed to construct the flesh of [God] while the despair from the caster because their live is also taken from them will be the nutrient needed to give more power to our [God]. Especially the despair of those who thought that their wish would be fulfilled but only to realize that not only their wish won’t get fulfilled even their live will also be lost. The despair at such time is really exceptional. That guy dies with a

really good expression on his face”

“..... You scum”

The man didn’t even mind when he hears Renya whisper that contains his blazing hot wrath. He is just looking at the completed mud giant with a sense of satisfaction.

There are no hints of madness in his expression. This man is really feeling happy from the depth of his heart knowing that this unsightly black mud giant had been completed.

“We want more power to help hasten the resurrection of our [God] but we can’t just expent our precious believer. And for that reason, we are busy finding [good material] human to use as ingredient”

The evil scheme of the man, the stupidity of the man named Radis, for Therese, those kind of things are not even reached her now.

The only thing that reaches her is only one thing.

It was the fact that Rebecca is already not in this world anymore.

Crushed under the heavy sadness, Therese falls down to her knees.

“..... Why..... Why did you do that.....!”

“Little miss, you don’t have to be sad like that. You will soon meet her again after all, in the other side that is. It is not yet a good time to let the world know about the power of our god..... and moreover, Renya Eastle, we don’t have any reason to let you get out of this place alive. So I would like to ask you two to please die”

Therese is just grinds her teeth hearing the man starts laughing loudly. She just sends the man back a glare to respond.

“Well, I do agree about being able to meet her again. But the place we will meet her again is here. If we go to the other side then we might just miss each other don’t we?”

Is what Renya said that instantly made the air around the place come to a halt.

Especially the man surprised expression is remarkable. His face just like saying ‘what the heck is this man blabbering about’.

When the man is about to ask why Renya said that, Therese beats him to a

punch and asks first.

“Eh? Wh-what’s happened Oniisan!?”

“Therese, did you forget? You gave something to Rebecca the other day right?”

“Of course, it was a magic tool that I made.....!”

With that word which made Therese remember act as a trigger, or maybe it was just her voice that reaches the girl she concerned with, something suddenly happened.

With a bubbly sound, something appeared from the giant’s stomach. It was Rebecca’s face which is wrapped within a silver colored light.

“Rebecca-chan!”

“.....Therese.....?”

“Rebecca-chan! Thank god.....!”

(Eros: well, he is beside you :3)

“..... Therese..... run away.....”

“Why would I do that desuka!? There’s no way I would run and leave Rebecca-chan alone like this!”

“..... Uncle..... doesn’t even care about me in the least..... Beside Mother..... I am not..... important.....”

“..... That is..... That is!”

“..... All I wish..... is for my kind uncle to come back..... only that..... no other else.....”

“Rebecca-chan.....!”

“..... This..... is not a usual monster..... just leave..... me be..... run away.....”

“

“I don’t care of such thing desu! All I know is that Rebecca-chan is still alive so I will go and save you now desu!

“..... Why..... did you go..... so far..... I am..... already..... don’t have anything left.....”

“You still have something desuyo! I am..... Am I not Rebecca-chan’s friend desuka!? We had done jobs together right!? We still haven’t done much but aren’t we already having meal together right!? We also have fun chatting right!? There are also Renya-oniisan, Floria-oneesan, Brenda-oneesan, Elvira-oneesan for you right!? If there is someone who says that Rebecca have nothing

else..... even if it was Rebecca-chan herself, I definitely won't forgive you desu!"

Unable to understand.

Rebecca is unable to understand.

Why did she move forward to challenge this kind of atrocious monster?

This overwhelming sensation that is like having your inside eaten while alive.....

Although imperfect, she who had been living her whole life as a warrior even though still a little girl can tell just how terrifying this monster is.

But the little girl in front of her, just because some trivial thing that happened this past few days, is screaming her lungs out that Rebecca herself is still worthy enough to save even if that means challenging such a monstrosity. Just like how she find the worth in her — that little girl had also help her find how valuable those days filled with warmth are.

And just like responding to Therese's emotional cries, the silver light that wraps Rebecca body shines even stronger. The man is looking at the thing happening before his eyes with a doubtful expression.

"Is there a weird power that is protecting the girl.....? But it will be only a matter of time before she falls under the control of our [God]. Moreover, they should be trying to not hurt the girl while trying to do something to the giant"

The man was bewildered because of the unexpected situation that happened but Rebecca's body is almost completely covered by the black mud of the giant. But he still managed to analyses the situation objectively and regained his calm. Indeed even from other people perspective, trying to destroy the giant while trying to not hurt Rebecca is an impossible feat to do. Even Therese is troubled by it.

But at that point, Renya whisper something to Therese.

"Therese, listen closely. I can't meddle directly with that mud giant"

".....!"

"Currently, The thing that protected Rebecca is the bracelet that you made Therese. And because you are unconsciously channeling my divine power into that bracelet it barely managed to protect Rebecca from getting corroded by the evil divine power"

"..... Does my magic tool..... has that kind of power desuka?"

"It was your strong feelings that both help support and protect her. But because

of that -- I don't have the enough power to beat the giant while keep protecting Rebecca from harm”

Because when two strong divine power clash, the protection that Therese give to her would meant nothing.

If Renya attacks the giant with the intent of eliminating it, Rebecca would definitely get caught in the wave of destruction and will join the giant in the road to oblivion.

“That's why, you are the only one who can help her. If it was your attack then you can damage the giant's black mud only while not harming the protection that wraps Rebecca at all. After all the power in your attack and the power from the bracelet are homogenous and is filled with the will of [for the sake of protecting Rebecca]”

“..... But”

“But even so, letting the clock ticks by is not a wise decision. Just like what the guy said, how long the bracelet will last is also something that I don't know. This battle is yours and the stake is your friend's life”

When Renya said that, Therese suddenly remembers the time when something similar happened.

That memory of being the enemy plaything and that memory of being unable to protect her friend.

That memory of seeing her friend gets tortured with pain that is strong enough to make her scream painfully like that.

And now, the situation in front of her eyes is just the same like how that time was.

“Am I..... able to do is deshouka?”

“If you can't then no one else could”

(Eros: damn cool *mantears)

“Yes..... I understand it all desu..... But..... But.....!”

Her hand is trembling.

Her hand which holds the gun is trembling chaotically.

Since that day, just how much has herself grows? And now, does her growth could help her in saving her friend from that giant just by herself?

“Don’t be afraid Therese. Just whose [Miko] do you think you are?”

“Eh.....?”

“I am not the god that will save millions. But, I am aware that I am a god that thoroughly act spoiled to those who put their faith on me. Especially to my little sister like being that is always cheerful, hardworking, and still managed to stand tall with her own two feet in front of some absolute terror”

“Renya oniisan.....”

“Wish for it, give your desire on it. Don’t pray to the god who would just ignores you but pray to this war god who will hear and unconditionally fulfill any wish that you have from the innermost of your heart!”

Pray, and that will be your power.

Wish, and that will be become an appeal.

An appeal is — the source of power to move a god.

That’s right, what she should be feared off now? Therese is rethinking back upon it.

Because the person beside her is.

The person beside her who is strict yet kind at the same time is.

“I wish.....! I wish..... that this time I could save my friend for sure! I want to protect my precious friend desu!”

Wish for victory and the war god will deliver!

“I heard thy prayer”

Renya accepts her prayer and materializes his divine power.

To answer the girl prayer, he bestows her with power.

To answer the girl prayer, he bestows her with strength.

Then, let us announce her.

The girl who is now holds unimaginable strong will inside her eyes. And her name is —-!

“Wield that power to your heart’s content o princess [Miko] of the War God. Now — the present you is stronger than everyone else!”

In Therese’s empty left hand, Renya’s divine power converges.

Gentle yet strong, she releases a warm light just like what her impression against the god in her mind.

And the girl also unconsciously understands that this is one of the powers from the great war god.

And then, the two of them synchronically recites the ritual prayer like chant that she once heard before, letting the sound resounds inside the room.

“The music I play is an ensemble of guns, the mark that I etch upon is the wound from guns. Dance freely my magic bullet! The Undeceivable Shooter’s Magic Gun 「Tathlum」!”

And then the cheerful girl that stands for the sake of her friend, had manifest into the world as the princess [Miko].

In her right hand is her personal favorite magic gun that had receives the blessing directly from the god’s own hand.

In her left hand is the always-hit magic gun that was created personally by the god’s own hand.

The thing that wraps her body is the silver divine power. It contains a certain victory blessing from the god that is extolled as the one who governs over triumph.

The victory for the girl means that the success in saving her friend.

Looking at the figure of the girl who stand tall bathing in silver light, Rebecca can only open her eyes wide in surprise.

“Rebecca-chan, I won’t run away desu. I have once made my friend sad. Because I was weak at that time desu”

If at that time I don’t let myself getting along with that man cajolery. If at that time I have the strength to destroy that kind of vicious trap. I could end that incident without her screaming in pain like that.

But I am now different.

Along the journey, I can actually feel that I grow stronger. I even have the confidence after struggling through many real battles.

Moreover, by my side, there is him now.

He is stronger than any other people, he is kinder than any other people. And then, when he decided that he would win, he would definitely grab victory no matter what. He is the god of victory and he is now currently at her side. It was still fresh in her memory that even the [God] spoken by that the man

who is looking at me while sneering was treated like a trash by the man beside her.

She knows that no matter what opponent he faced, he always overwhelms them and brilliantly adds more victory medal in his rapport.

And that person power is right in her hand now.

That person feeling is cheering her up to work harder.

That person blessing -- just give her so much power beyond her imagination!

“Rebecca-chan, I will definitely save you because you are my important friend!!”

With that earnest wish, she moved a god heart.

With that earnest cry, her feeling reaches across the other little girl that she tries to protect.

The giant stomach grotesquely moved, and it tries to swallow the girl again into its insides. The bracelets still protects her from harm but it was only a matter of time. But then, at the last moment before she got completely swallowed again, Rebecca says something to the Therese, the girl who stands up to fight.

“.....Therese.....! Help..... me.....!”

She tried to reach out to Therese with her word as her hands are tangled.

“Of course desu!!”

And Therese takes out those words directly.

The girl is now facing the vanguard of the sham [God] with guns in both hands.

Her battle is for the sake of saving her friend.

For her unyielding wish and vow, her little body is now dancing to the battlefield!

Chapter 63 – The One that Connects the Little Girl’s Wish

Without any words, the giant swing down its huge arm. With a big target like the three meters tall giant and a spacious room to move around freely, Therese might seems to have the advantage in this fight at a glance.

Because her weapon is a long range shooting weapon, the magic gun. And even though the giant can move very swiftly despite its big appearance, if that giant only means of attack is a direct melee attack then,

“KUOOOOOO!!”

It can only bear the hail of bullets that coming without any sign of ending. The shining bullets, or rather the light bullets, are piercing the giant’s flesh with its sharp bullet head and Therese keeps firing those out rapidly. In front of such overpowering firepower, one might think that the giant won’t be able to do anything but wait until the time it gets destroyed.

Therese’s finger is constantly pinning the trigger down. Therese’s favorite magic gun had evolved into a full automatic gun that can shoot continuously. Combined with Tathlum that will never miss its target, every large light bullet on the hail of bullets that both guns spew out would definitely hit the giant body and scrape off a bit of its flesh. When the two combined, it will exhibit its atrocious power in any long ranged battle.

Therese doesn’t stop her feet and keep moving around while still keep on shooting.

She will run around the large hall while keep avoiding the giant’s attack. Sometime when she is about to get cornered, she will use the wall to perform a triangle jump to shower the giant with a hail of bullets from above then lands on the giant’s back and starts taking her distance again.

When the giant try to look back to find its prey, its face will receives visit from a hail of light bullet that is charged with divine power that violently disfigured the

giant's face with its tremendous power. Therese is leading the giant by its nose with her irregular paced attack pattern.

But Therese who seems to be at the advantage is almost running out of juice from the vigorous movement she displayed.

No matter how much she got powered up by the War God blessing, she is, after all, a mere human who has her limit.

In addition to that, directly goes into a real battle by using divine power that she still not yet familiar with should give a heavy burden to her body.

But even so, she doesn't have that much time anyway. She had to defeat her opponent as quick as possible with her overwhelming fire power. She even pushes herself as far as shooting her opponent point blank at each opportunity she has so her enemy would accumulate damage at a faster rate.

If she just shoots the giant from a safe spot far away...

She felt that she won't be able to reach out to her precious friend if she just stands far in her safety zone.

And because Therese 'belief', she resolutely challenges forward.

"Haa, Haa.....!"

She forcefully calm down her ragged breathing then tries to completely cut off the giant left hand which has been dangling from many wound it received. The instant she decides that, the mouth of her two guns directly aimed to the giant left arm and Therese started another round of barrage.

The light bullets' sizes that far exceed both guns caliber have comparable power to a cannon shell.

On top of that the two guns have close to infinite ammo and could keep on shooting without the need of reloading. Just how crazily powerful that is? Even Therese doesn't exactly know.

The giant shoulder that was made of black mud get a direct hit by the bullets and its whole left hand get blown off as the result in which after making an arc in the air, it finally landed on the floor. The left hand which fallen to the floor then disappear completely in seconds.

The giant doesn't have any expression in its face.

Inside that disfigured face, no emotion of being in pain or being suffered can be

detected as it has no expression at all.

But Therese doesn't need to see such expression. Whatever the cause which bring it forth to the world or other reasoning doesn't matter for her. That thing is an evil thing that tried to kill her friend. That is the only information she needs.

Return her to me! Therese is leaping forward like moving in accordance to that scream inside her heart.

First I have to take away its ability to attack, she thinks. Then after its left hand just got blown off, now its right hand is becoming Therese next target. Another hail of bullets then comes sweeping.

At first her attacks was like a ball of light that got swallowed by a deep darkness. It was totally ineffective.

But when it reaches the 10th bullet the black mud gradually gets scraped off. When it reaches the 50th bullet the toughness of the black mud gradually weakened.

And when it reaches the 100th bullet, finally, the light manages to exterminate the darkness.

The giant let out a horrendous roar that no living being can voice out. It was not clear whether that sound was something it let out because it feels the pain or because it feels angry from being hurt that much. No one could answer that question.

The giant seems to attack more aggressively after letting out a roar and suddenly, the giant furiously swings its almost cut off right arm and the mud fly off from that action turned into blades flying at the direction of Therese. It was unknown whether the giant managed to do this new attack out of luck or that the new attack is something that the giant think off in the spot to counter Therese.

Whatever it was, combined by the surprising new attack move and being unbalanced because she just landed from jumping, Therese gets frozen for a second and the attack hit her squarely.

Just like sharpened obsidian, the girl's weak skin that is protected by divine power easily gets wounded by those flying black muds.

The black muds that was flying off from the giant's attack is flying in small fragments making it looks similar to a buckshot shot of a shotgun carving big and small wound on Therese's body.

"Kyaa!"

Unable to ward off the impact she received from the black mud fragments, Therese get blown off backward and falls down painfully on the floor. She forces her trembling legs to stand up, focuses more power to her blood stained arms, and awakens her wavering head with her unshakeable determination.

She had been forcing her body to keep using divine power and each time she shoots, the backlash of using divine power is slowly accumulating within her body. Therese's whole body is already screaming with pain now.

But even while experiencing the pain that could make a strong adult to scream, Therese's eyes still look straight forward.

Pain? So what.

Therese had a reason to keep on going, that's why.

".....go"

The pains from her wounds are not reason enough for her to not stand up. If she remembers the time when she can just gasp her breath from being powerless to fight, this kind of pain is nothing compared to that.

".....ergo"

Even the pain is like having her own body split apart, it is still not reason enough for her to not forcefully push her jarring body get past its limits. Renya's blessing is just an 'advance pay' to compensate for [her own insufficiency]. This power comes not without risk. She already knows that yet she still chooses to clings on it so it would be weird if she clamors about being in pain.

".....thergo"

Her body that is being over-abused by pain and fatigue are whispering the sweet temptation of rest and sleep but with her unshakeable determination, she brushes all those temptation aside.

If she closes her eyes now, then — that has the same meaning as pushing off

her precious friend into the deep darkness forever.

“LET HER GO!”

She wholeheartedly wished for the return of her friend. Hence, there are no reasons for Therese to stop moving forward. Even with her whole body in tatters and weakened because of her injury, the light that she emits are still pure without any blemish. There is not much time left, Therese suddenly have that hunch. Believing in her hunch, Therese completely devotes her body and soul to set forward the challenge one last time.

The power that protects Rebecca is closing its limits. Therese's power to fight is also closing its limits.

There is no use in leaving any spare energy behind. The only thing that she need is one last all out attacks.

One peerless attack that is strong enough to defeat that giant in one hit, only that.

Therese kicks the ground and soars up. When she reaches the space close to the ceiling, she then releases all the divine power that is streaming within her body.

The thing which is born from her action is a pair of wings made of dazzling light.

The surge of divine power that is released by Therese takes the form of a pair of light wings that grows out from her back. Everyone who sees this scene would definitely have the same expression.

And the fragments of divine power that spill out from it — looks just like feathers that are falling out from the wings which made a very beautiful sight.

“Overboost”

She silently says the keyword. With that keyword, Therese's favorite gun changes it appearances just like how it made to be.

Loud mechanical voice resounded within the room. And what appears after it finished it transformation is — a long barreled, large caliber magic gun.

Still calling it a gun is a bit weird for that appearance. It was more like a cannon now. This mass destruction weapon purpose is not to use divine power as bullet but instead will be streamed like a hyper powered laser. That is the firearm that become one of the incarnation of merciless violence.

“Link transform”

But Therese still won’t stop with only that. By using her body as the mediator, she give order to Tathlum to also transform and then Therese link up the transformed Tathlum to her gun and the two guns are now combined into one large cannon.

Even by itself, the two gun already have an unimaginable fire power and now, those two guns are combined into one.

The shot released by that gun barrel is literally, a godly attack.

By using the weapon that a god created, she attempts to imitate the god’s own attack.

It was the power that only the princess [Miko] of the war god permitted to wield. That is the weapon of mass destruction which holds both the face of strongest help and the strongest calamity.

“Shooting position ready. Begin loading divine power to maximum capacity”

The giant could do anything to prevent Therese from shooting. Even when it tries to shot its black mud fragment again like before, it become meaningless. Therese is now hanging in the air far from the giant. Adding to that, the concentrated divine power around her could deflect those black mud fragments easily.

“Target, lock” poop

The words that spun from her mouth are not that of a prayer or magic chant, it was more like a mechanical preparation process.

The light gathering in the combined gun muzzle is gradually getting brighter at a fast pace. Even Renya who is watching over her from the side can’t help but to gulp down his saliva from feeling how powerful the power that is being compressed inside that combined gun.

“And with this — IT’S OVER DESU!!”

The thundering sound that echoes inside the room could easily tears one eardrum.

The flashing light that completely fills the room could easily burns one eyes. The white is erasing out the black.

The attack power is so tremendous that naming it 'Dragon Breath' or even 'The God's lightning' seems lukewarm when compared.

That attack is an attack that absolutely won't permit anything before it to keep living, the ultimate annihilation laser.

The attack from the [Miko] -- Dazzling Laser of Mortality《Glory Buster》.

When she pulls the trigger, the divine power cannon would vanquish any enemy in front of you without leaving any trace behind.

But then again, even such a destruction laser..... couldn't pierce through the barrier that protects the little girl that is swallowed by the giant.

In the middle of the room, a perfect circle giant crater appeared after the attacks died down.

And in the middle of the crater, an uninjured little girl is lying down there.

The little girl -- Rebecca slowly tried to raise her body but after looking the scenery around her, she reflexively jumps up from the ground.

Because the one who helps her, the one who used all her strength then lose her wings in the process, that little girl is now slowly starts falling down to the ground.

“.....!!”

She doesn't feel anything weird with her body so Rebecca straightly runs up to her savior. There are no doubt that the weirdest of this situation is how that little savior of her managed to forcefully beat down the weird thing that tried to kill her. But that is not important now.

It seems like her floating ability still remain in effect but it weakening fast as Therese falling speed starts to accelerates steadily. If she falls to the ground like that, she might even die!

Quick!

I have to reach her quicker!

Reach her! Just a little bit more!

With such determination in her, Rebecca is using all her strength to reach Therese.

“..... There.....se.....!!”

On a clear space, Rebecca managed to catch Therese and she is now holding her in her bosom.

That was really the so-called rescue at the nick of the time.

Either Therese is still has the last bit of her consciousness or she got woken up by the unexpected feeling of impact, she absentmindedly looks at the little girl face who also looks back at her, then she gives out a small smile.

“Rebecca-chan..... are you alive desuka?”

“..... Yeah..... Yeah.....!”

“That’s good then..... I manage..... to save my friend..... this time”

Rebecca doesn’t know just how heavy the feeling behind that whisper. But when she looks at her friend’s body that had reached its exhaustion limit and riddled with wounds from desperately trying to save her, she also feel proud and happy for her.

If the position was reversed, would she be able to do the same herself? She doesn’t know the answer but she knows that she also want to become like that.

Rebecca, who had been standing still at place unable to move forward, thinks that this is a good timing for her to move forward for the sake of Therese.

Rebecca then lends her shoulder to help Therese stands up. Therese feels that her entire body is in pain and fatigued. This is the lash back from being too absorbed in the fight just now. She feels that her body is like being shackled by many heavy leaden chains all over her body.

She barely managed to put her magic gun back to its holster but other than that, in truth, even walking is very difficult for her now.

“A, auu..... Is this the same feeling that Renya-oniisan felt before desuka.....?”

“.....? It hurts?”

“For the pain..... I can endure it but, my body is, you know..... couldn’t move around very well now desu”

Like her nerves or muscles.

Therese can feel that every single component that made up her body received quite damage and that sensation is torturing her.

“..... You can rely on me, you know. I am..... fine”

“Y-yes, I’m sorry Rebecca-chan”

And then, in another place besides the two little girls who are making a warm-hearted scene...

“Gahaa!!”

A sudden scream from a man echoed. Therese and Rebecca hurriedly turn their gaze toward the voice’s source.

“Nn~~... You know, I somehow get kinda bored with this kind of predictable pattern”

“Ugh..... You bastard.....!”

“Save me from your complain. Actually, it is I who wants to complain to you guys you know? How could I always, and always meet with your kind in every places that I visit?”

The man in black robe gets his heart pierced by Renya’s sword. This had happened too many times and Renya starts to feel meaningless killing this fanatic believer or upper echelons or whatever because his identity had already been known by them. But then again, leaving this kind of people alive would only bring more troubles in the future so the opinion of sparing him was not existent from the start.

“E..... even if you kill me right now.....!”

“You had already reported back about the completed magic formula kind of situation right? Well whatever, that can’t be helped anyway. For me, watching the growth of my little sister is more important”

“..... What a poor loser.....!”

“Well that would be you who are one step from the death door right?”

But even if he said so, when he thinks again about the scope of the magic formula, the harm and victim that it would bring might be enormous.

Well, let’s just hope it won’t get them into any troublesome situations, is

what Renya have in his mind. He doesn't have any other impression to that magic formula than that.

Killing the fanatic here is simply just returning his grudge. This guy wants to receive great results without dirtying his own hand then flee away to safety. Renya doesn't have any intention to let things go as he planned. In an indirect way, he is returning the favor for killing Rebecca's family. That is how Renya concluded everything inside his head.

(Looking back now, this man still haven't named himself right? Well, there is no such time for pleasantries after all and it doesn't matter anyway)

If his opponent is not the proud type who has a high self-esteem, It will be hard to know their name. And such opponents are not that often comes. Unexpectedly, it is hard for Renya to know his opponent name.

While Renya thought of such unimportant thing, he off-handedly throws the man who has turned into a corpse to the floor and sheathes his sword.

Renya doesn't even throw a glance to the corpse and starts walking leisurely towards Rebecca.

“Pardon me” with that word, he lifted Therese and holds her within his arm. “Forgive me Rebecca, this is a kind of rewards to this little sister of mine who had done her best so please let me take this role okay?”

“..... Okay..... Therese also looks happy.....”

“N-no, that is, I indeed feel happy but I also feel embarrassed desuyo!?”

This is the famed princess hold (Ohimesama-dakko) which Therese experienced now. And with the sudden development like this, she fell into a panic state.

Ignoring Therese's tantrum, Renya look at Rebecca and point at somewhere with his chin. In the place where he pointed is, the figure of her uncle's corpse lying down in the floor that managed to remain unscratched from the destruction wave earlier.

“..... No matter what happened, you must put the demarcation with him right?”

“..... okay”

“It's alright. There are me and Therese by your side. The answer that you had,

you must say it clearly -- not for the sake of reaching out to that man but for your own sake okay?"

Renya doesn't know what kind of situation Rebecca was in. If what the man in black robe said was true then Rebecca was sacrificed by her own uncle. And also, even Rebecca herself had a longing to take back past happy days. For that sake she always did her best fighting alone. He can somewhat understand her story.

And this is the conclusion of that feeling.

This kind of reality is really a cruel one and even more so, the one burdened by such a cruel fate is this little girl. Renya can only grind his teeth in chagrin.

That is not something that acquaintances or friend could stick their nose into. Moreover, it's only a few days after Renya and Rebecca know each other. Their relationship is still to not close enough for him to butt in.

In the first place, this matter doesn't have any relation with how long someone has known her as this matter is too heavy for that.

That's why, he can't do anything besides talking to her in a carefree manner. But even so, he will still accompany her, stands beside her.

And to show his stance, he keeps watching at her from some distance away. Rebecca walks up to her uncle remains, she then turn back to look at Renya once to make sure he is there.

Even chagrined, Renya keep his stance and keep watching how things will progresses.

Therese is also looking worriedly at Rebecca.

But even so the gazes from the two give Rebecca a feeling of confidence. She silently nods at them, and Rebecca only says 2 words only and say it to her uncle who already can't give back his reply to her.

"..... Goodbye, uncle"

And along with that farewell, she is also saying goodbye to those days in the past.

Chapter 64 – A Sudden Takeout

The creation of [God] in the form of a mud giant caused by a nameless black hooded guy didn't manage to create chaos to the world outside and inconspicuously (?) closes its curtain.

Due to Rebecca's request, Radish corpse got buried beside the grave where her mother rest.

[..... Because mom will definitely scold him]

Because that was what she says when asking, Renya couldn't find it in him to reject her request. Renya actually resent the guy because he is just the worst kind of scum who cruelly offers such a good girl like Rebecca as sacrifice. Moreover, he also died easily without even knowing just how big the trouble he had caused. But he also realizes that he doesn't have the qualification to be angry at that guy.

Well, that is understandable after all.

She had lost her family abruptly and then she works hard for the sake of her last blood related family but it was all in vain. And now, she is all alone in this world.

Renya isn't the type to extend his hand and help every John and Doe he met. He only decided to help when his heart tells him so. That was not because of hypocrite motives like he is the hero of justice or such kind of lofty ideals. It was only because of one simple reason: he just feels like it.

He just succeeded in becoming a god after much trial and tribulation after all so he doesn't want to bear any more extra responsibility. That is what he actually feel right now.

That's why, extending his hand towards Rebecca is a special case among the specials.

That's right! The true reason of why he did it was because he has the worst kind of ulterior motives. But even so, his action standard is possible because he is a [God] who had experiences living as a [human].

“Rebecca, what you gonna do after this?”

“..... I don’t know.....”

“..... You don’t think of anything else besides helping that uncle of yours right?”

“..... Yes”

“Then we should find things you want to do and things you should do right?”

“..... that..... might be true”

After Renya said those things to her, Rebecca once again thinks about her own condition.

That’s right, it was just like what Renya said.

Those days after losing mother and older brother, she keeps on pursuing her past.

She never thought about [present] and [future] nor did she wish for it.

In the short yet long half a year, Rebecca was losing the whole reason for her to wish for a better future.

“Then how about you start by joining us on our journey?”

“..... Eh?”

“Join up with our party then let’s go together. You can slowly think about it from there, about what you want to do from now on”

“..... But”

Won’t she become a burden for them?

Looking at such worry in Rebecca’s expression, Renya pats her head a bit forceful.

“No one in our party that will think Rebecca as a burden if you decided to join us. Or rather, they would definitely feel happy instead. But well, the bad thing is, you will be spoiled rotten together with Therese”

“..... Au.....”

Aah, that smile filled with confidence when affirming her. And this hand that is a bit forceful but from it, she can feel that she is treated as someone important...

Rebecca can’t help but remember that her older brother too used to do the same thing to her before.

[It’s alright you know? How could I think of something my little sister does as

an annoyance?]

If she's not mistaken, that was happened when they took a job and camp out in the night. Did it happen when she gives something to drink for her brother before she goes to sleep? She forgot the detail but she still remembers his hand. Different from Renya, She didn't feel that good when he pats her, maybe he wasn't used doing it, but even so, she still feels happy from her older brother clumsy yet considerate action.

"If you find something that you want to do then I will support you to do it, even if that means leaving our party, I will not mind. I don't invite you to join our party to bind your future with us. To find what you want to do in the future, you can ask us for help, that is what I mean"

"..... So I can't reject, is it?"

"Of course you can't. It is you we talking about anyway so if I ask you to join us, you definitely will refuse by saying such thing like you are just being a burden or something. And persuading you is too much of a work"

"..... Persuading is..... too much of a work....."

From Renya words, Rebecca could detect a hint of arrogance in it which made her let out a wry smile.

"Because I can tell that I will definitely use all method that I have under my sleeve to persuade you until you agree to join us. That's why Rebecca's opinion is generally veto-ed. Just think of it as you being kidnapped by a mean Onii-san so you would not mind bothering us"

"..... What you said is, very absurd..... you know?"

The kidnapper says that it is alright for her to bother him. Just what kind of logic is that?

I will take care of you, I won't take a no.

To sum it up, it can be said like that but, why did he need to say it in such a roundabout way?

"Then I'm going to say it one more time okay? In short, I don't want to make you feel obliged to me nor I feel pity of you. It was just, it might be just a short few days but, we have done job and eat out together. And then knowing that girl who I know met with such big accident that is enough to become a turning

point for her, I can't just say goodbye and left her all alone like that. You can say that this is my selfishness”

“..... Selfishness.....”

“That's right, just my own selfishness. Such a good girl that is on a friendly term with my little sister in name, having a good compatibility with her in battle, and most of all, would grow up into such a beauty in the future, abandoning such girl would be just a big waste. That is my selfishness”

“..... Err..... your real intention..... is leaking in the later part.....”

“N? Why should I hide it? Rebecca is a cute girl. That is a fact. In addition to that, she is a good girl and is a close friend of Therese. It can't be helped that I start thinking 'okay, let onii-san here kidnap you away' right?”

“.....Eeehh~.....”

This is weird. Disastrously weird.

Why is it weird? Not only he speaks incoherently like that, he desire also mixed in it. It was really nonsensical at all.

But why, even with such thing, Rebecca still could feel warmth behind Renya's word. That's why Rebecca feels that she herself has become weird.

“That's why I will say it again. Rebecca will be kidnapped by a bit evil onii-san here. And that guy is an unheard of weirdo who will guarantee your daily necessities and freedom”

That's right, Rebecca is currently instigated by a weirdo.

“— I don't try to make you feel debted. I just said that it is okay for you to search for the [next] together with us”

Being in their care without being a burden. And looking for new things in life from now on.

Against the clumsy Rebecca, Renya face her head on with his clumsy feeling.

“..... Yes..... Yes.....!”

Ah, if it is now, even Rebecca could understand it.

He usually looks like a frivolous person who acts the clown but when it comes to battle, he is like turning into another person, a super expert warrior. This person is definitely the kind of person who will treat those who [manages to enter his heart] with kindness.

He somehow resembles her older brother, but he is definitely different from her older brother.

That's why, she calls her like this:

“..... Thank you..... Renya-oniichan”

She finally could feel that she had gotten a new oniichan that is different from the oniichan who was her family at that time.



“So in conclusion, after many things happened, I come and kidnap Rebecca”

“..... No matter what..... it's become kidnapping after all?”

“Umu, actually, I also have a lot going on”

Because the member increased, the party rent a 5 people room and a single room now. After they done moving to the big 5 people room, Renya start explaining to the member about what just happened, but the first thing that comes out from his mouth is that about kidnapping while saying it in a proud manner.

“..... N~~, anyway, let's take a vote first. Those who think that Renya is guilty, raise your hand~”

Without any hesitation, all 4 of them raise their hand.

“Okay~, the decision is unanimously agree that Renya is guilty. Because of that, we will be the one who take care of Rebecca~”

“Kuh, who would've thought that you all would betray me!”

“..... Hey you two, is this two man skit really needed?”

“Don't say it like that Brenda. This was like a ritual you know? Well, Rebecca should already know about it too. In short, you will be our party from now on so you don't have to act reserved. And to make Rebecca agrees to do that, I don't have any other option besides becoming a villain”

“..... Why don't you say it like that from the start? That's too roundabout”

“Well you know, Rebecca is kinda smallish like that so she is very light to carry. So as to not attract much attention I carry her under my arm while running. But then... what is it? Because of the surrealness feeling it gives, the thrill somehow made my heart throb comfortably. So along with that, I just want to make sure whether I was guilty or not with that”

“..... Renya, sit in repent now! If it was just an act then it would be no problem but if you are for real then it seems that I need to give you a good scolding right?”

“Oh no! You’ve been asking a leading question to me!?”

“No, it just you blowing yourself up”

“Eeeh~~”

Renya screams aloud as he forced to sit in repent by Brenda. Scolding time is now started.

Rebecca was surprised by what she sees so she just let her eyes swim around. But...

“It’s alright desu. That is one form of Brenda-oneesan and Renya-oneesan being on good terms to each other desu”

“..... Is that so?”

“It is desu”

Then it should be alright right? Rebecca then managed to calm down. But then after that, she doesn’t have a clue on what she should do next.

“Well then, let’s start by explaining the important thing about our condition shall we?”

“Ah, I had contacted Anri just a moment ago. I told her to add one more private room”

Elvira and Floria act like it is natural for Rebecca to become their new party member and had done preparations to accept her. Because of their fast change of attitude, Rebecca unintentionally opens her mouth and says:

“..... Err..... Is it okay?”

“What is it okay do you mean? Perhaps Rebecca-san still feel a bit reserved?”

“..... Suddenly having a new..... party member is..... a lot of work..... that’s why”

Elvira tilts her head hearing such question but Rebecca expression is serious. Because she knows how much trouble will one more addition to the party brings. It was not an easy problem to solve at all. She herself had experienced living as a wanderer too for some time so she knows. Especially she is someone who has a special circumstance in which

should made her a burden even more for them yet they just indifferently accept her like this. Rebecca just could not accept it like this.

“If Rebecca-san finishes listening to what we have to say from now on, you will understand that such a trivial worry won’t mean much to us”

“I know right~. Anyhow, this is something that Renya do. Well, I personally already had a hunch that Rebecca will join our party sooner or later. If Renya doesn’t act then I will be the one to go instead!”

“E-Eeh!? Floria-oneesan will move first desuka?”

“But of course you know~? After all when it was your time Therese, you become emotionally attached to Renya first right? So I think, next time will be my turn! Kinda feel? You understand what I’m thinking right?”

“Tha-that’s weird desu! I can’t tell where which part is weird but what Floria-oneesan said just now definitely had something weird in it desu!”

Floria who smiles indifferently and Therese who got played around. Seeing the two figures, Rebecca got taken aback. But at that time, a hand is gently put on her shoulder. It was Elvira, whom with her gentle smile says something like trying to persuade her.

“Everyone is feeling happy that Rebecca is coming here you know? We don’t want to always treat you like a guest after all. From an acquaintance when we just got into this city, into a work partner who sometimes do job together, and finally we managed to reach this stage in relationship. That is all the reason we need”

“..... Only that.....?”

“Yes. You can rely on us for all your troublesome and bothersome things. And that is because we will definitely rely on Rebecca-san too just as much for something else”

Renya who still sit on repent and Brenda who scold him with a disappointed look while still somehow show her affection to him.

Floria who screamed “Second dress up doll is here~!” while spinning around dancing and Therese who rebukes her by saying “Don’t toy on Rebecca-chan like that desu!”.

Indeed, the coming days will be boisterous and fun with them around. And she

will definitely getting involved with it too no doubt about it.

But, to Rebecca who haven't spent such a bright days for a long time, she only says:

“..... I understand. I, will do my best. Elvira-oneechan”

Together with these new party members, looking out for the [future] seems to be something filled with hope now. The scene before her made her embrace such feeling in her heart.

Chapter 65 – Therese, Working Hard

With the addition of Rebecca in the party, Renya party suddenly becomes busy all of the sudden.

First if all, they have to help Rebecca to officially move out from her current dwelling. Beside of her belongings and important mementoes, her home is actually on rent so she had to clean it before leaving. Rebecca said that she will do it alone but,

“Just leave it to us! When you need a helping hand just be honest with it and ask us. It would be good to make yourself get used to our meddling from the start you know?”

With that one sentence from Renya, even when she looks obliged by the help, she obediently nods to his suggestion.

And now, she is currently cleaning her own room together with Therese who finally recovered from her last battle damages.

The damage doesn't act out right after the battle though. Actually, Therese suffered from the whole body muscle pain-like condition, or the pain caused by the recoil from overusing divine power, a few days late.

Her suffering was not as much as Renya's as she could still barely move around but because it still hinders her from doing her daily activity normally. The other girls decided to nurse her back to health.

Especially Rebecca, she is especially devoted in nursing her. Looking at the devoted Rebecca, Therese feels very happy and obediently accepts her and the other girls' care.

[Let's do pranks on the beautiful patient girl!] Renya who is, as usual, having worked himself up with the strangest thing got confined by the other 3 girls in his private room inside Hlidskjalf. The two lolis are oblivious of that fact thought.

With the usual trouble caused by Renya as filler, Therese finally recovered and now, all of them are helping Rebecca cleaning up her house.

By the way, Renya and Brenda are trying to search for any trace left behind by the Ordough sect in Radish's room but,

"It just splendidly have nothing left. That bishop thingie might had tidy up everything before they start doing that ritual"

"Seems like it. There is just nothing left here that is related to the ritual research from the research result until the research material"

Especially the bookshelf is terrible.

The shelf is literally empty. No clues about what kind of research Radish did can be picked there.

Being meticulous in removing any evidence is worth of Renya's praise but at the same time, he is also grumbling an unreasonable complain about them being too meticulous.

But even so, he can easily make up a report about the accident as he had witnessed enough to conjecture some vital information about it.

"Just in case, please report the things that we know regarding this matter to Martina"

"The creation of a giant [God], right? Really, just what that [Black mud] exactly is?"

Brenda let out a sigh after complaining but even Renya doesn't know the answer for that.

He doesn't know the content of the report that robed man submitted to his sect but he thought that it would be better to be prepared even for the worst. He should assume that the sect will turn hostile to him so he needs to move accordingly.

Being noticed by such a dangerous lunatic sect like this, Renya only has one opinion regarding that.

"How troublesome"

That two words represent all his feeling right now.

If the sect really going to become a trouble for him, he start to think that, it maybe is wiser to make plans to destroy it. While thinking such heartless thought, Renya continues helping with the cleaning.



At around 3 pm in the afternoon, the party finally finished their cleaning. After saying farewell to the landlord, Rebecca who is now a homeless lower her head once again to the party asking for their care from now on. And then because she is now officially their party member, Renya should also tell her about the party's 'secret' but because Renya had a feeling that Rebecca won't believe him with just words, he create a plan to make her believe him.

"I don't have a chance to show off my amazing power so I'll just let you see something amazing instead"

That's right, his plan is simply letting Rebecca sees the floating on the air Hlidskjalf and then invites her to the ship's deck. Hlidskjalf is in stealth mode and hovering on a quite low altitude while meticulously having the entire view of Suminiastar capital city spread across its deck side.

Seeing that, Rebecca who usually doesn't open her mouth often is...

"....."

Totally dumbfounded with her mouth agape.

Seeing that her reaction is acceptable, Renya started to tell Rebecca about his and Floria's secret identity and then the party also tell her the story about their adventure and misadventure so far. There are some exaggerations here and there as 4 people compete with each other in telling their stories to Rebecca. Rebecca is surprised at first but after witnessing Renya taking out his divine armaments, Floria changing her form, and many other things that can't be explained as phenomenon caused by magic, she doesn't have any other choice but to believe.

Or rather, from the start, Rebecca never had any doubt to this new party of hers.

Her fellow party member says so then it must be true.

There is no concept of doubting her fellow party member for Rebecca, not even when what they said to her is totally out from the usual common sense.

And then, once again, to celebrate the coming of their new fellow party member, the party moves to the dining room to have a party. Along with Anrietta, it was just a simple party where food served in big plates

and lined up on the table.

The menu consists of each party member favorite dish lined up one after another. Even so, it still seems a bit monotonous so Elvira skillfully adds more dish on the table. Looking at the lined up dish in the table, Rebecca reaction is:

“..... Amazing, there is even dish..... that I’ve never seen before”

“Renya-oniisan and Floria-oneesan would sometimes cook this kind of dish that is originated from another world like this desu. And today menu is..... if I’m not wrong, this is the dish called tempura desu”

“It is indeed amazing you know? And did you know? Renya didn’t fish this marine products by using fishing rod. He instead dives into the water to personally catch the fish by hand! Isn’t that cool?”

“Haha, sometime I also has the urge to scream [Gotta ketchum all!] and go wild”

“Renya-sama, this area has a warm climate so the water is not that cold but still take care of your health okay?”

“Elvira, I think you should worry about other thing first before worrying this guy health”

Everyone is having a fun conversation with each other while enjoying the food served.

The dish from the other world (earth) is unexpectedly popular so Renya decided to add more serving of tempura to the table. And since he decided to do it, he will overdo himself in it. So rather than using the marine product stored inside their storage, he decided to just ‘get’ a fresh one instead so he quickly go and catch some more. As the result, the big plate serving the tempura becomes a small mountain of fish and prawns deep fried in flour. If other people see it, they might accuse Renya from doing an excess fishing.

[Master, can I ask something?]

“Nn? What is it Anri?”

[If I’m not mistaken, Therese-sama and Rebecca-sama should be in the same age isn’t that right?]

“Aah, it seems like it”

[Then my question is, why did their figure differ soo much from each other? If it said to be the difference between human growths then how could there be this

much differences? And the differences is especially striking in their chest area that I can't just leave it as 'growth differences']

She said that in a straight manner.

The atmosphere around suddenly becomes weird.

Well, no, Rebecca, the person concerned herself is still concentrating on munching the food on the table as usual. She totally looks cute but, the other member couldn't be calm like her.

Women have this unspoken area where men should never trod in carelessly. He doesn't know whether Anrietta also understand such subtleties or not but she had just straightforwardly charged into that delicate part. This situation is bad. Anri is asking her in a frank manner so he couldn't just dodge her question. The gazes are naturally gathered around him. Especially Brenda's gaze feels like telling him this:

[You have to skillfully wrap this]

(Aren't you asking the impossible here!?)

Anrietta is indeed an excellent being if he had to say it.

Even if she is a man-made (actually not made by man though) persona, she actually could [think] for herself. She could even be as flexible as normal human when trying to understand things.

And that exactly why he could use vague words to explain her question but thinking of Therese feeling, he just couldn't say such careless things that might hurt her feeling.

Anri had already said about the difference between people so he can't fool her by saying that back again.

But then again, Renya is the war god.

If he thinks of this as one of the must-win battle, a battle to escape from a certain predicament, his brain suddenly becomes more active to think of a solution.

And finally, a light bulb flashed inside his mind. For the sake of answering her, she made Anrietta wait a bit then move beside to Rebecca to whisper something to her.

"Rebecca, how is your mother figure?"

“..... Figure? Err, her body.....?”

“Yes, especially her breast and waist. How did it look?”

“..... Nnn..... She is roughly as tall as Brenda-san..... for the most part, their body looks almost similar..... But her breast is quite large..... you know?”

Alright! Just as expected! Renya is making a victory pose inside his heart.

“Is that so? Thank you”

He gently pats Rebecca’s head then hurriedly returns back to Anrietta.

“Did you hear Anrietta? There are indeed differences between human physical figures but the thing that gives the most influence is how their parent looks. From the person herself, I heard that Rebecca’s mother is a person with well-endowed breast. Rebecca’s growth around her breast is faster because of that influence from her parent”

[So in short, will Therese-sama’s breast also grow big like that someday?]

(And why did you dig in deeper there!?)

Renya was expecting Anrietta to agree with what he said and cut this topic to a close but she actually presses more question forward that make Renya feel cornered.

If he had to say it truthfully, he never heard women have a sudden growth spurt which made their breast radically grow bigger in a short time. Instead, he heard that women with big breast have already had quite a big breast when they entered growth spurt. Even if Therese did grow bigger, her maximum limit would be only one cup larger around the size of Brenda’s.

In short, if he decides to tell Anrietta the truth, then that would also mean that he will also tell the cruel truth to Therese who is looking at his way with a noh mask expression (expressionless).

He could whisper his answer to Anrietta but that kind of act would only make Therese feel even more conscious with it.

(Think..... come on me, think.....!)

If it was about personal preferences then Renya can confidently say that Therese is already perfect as she is now.

In a meaning, her petite body gives out the feeling of immorality to him. In another meaning, her body is a sweet temptation from the devil itself.

But his preference stays true only for himself in the end. He knows that women always have complex regarding their own body and always comparing themselves to others and he knows that his word could only be considered as cheap comforting words.

And most of all, he must answer back Anrietta's question no matter what. If he half-heartedly answers her now, he would only make the two girls feel hurt. In the future, Renya would feel like punching his past self for reaching such stupid conclusion but the present him could only steel his heart so he could go through with what he had decided and gives his answer.

"I don't think so. She might grow a bit more but not that much. The one who could grow that big are only the girls who had an early growth spurt I think"
[So it was like that.....]

Anrietta nods giving out her consent but the highlight in Therese eyes is quickly fading away.
She is already self-conscious about her childlike figure and when Renya said that usually there is not much hope for future growth, it must have shocked her quite hard.

"But well, I don't know whether this is a fact or not but -- there are theory that says if you rub it and give enough stimulus frequently, it might get bigger"
[..... Rubbing, is it?]

"Yes, moreover if it was a stimulus coming from the opposite sex, then the chance of it stimulating the growth hormone inside the women are intensified. With the stimulated growth hormone, it would incite the growth of the mammary gland and will make the breast get bigger. Well, that was only some gossip I heard from somewhere so I don't really know"

[I see, so this is one of Master's treasured knowledge regarding 'the mystery of woman body']

"That's right. Falling in love will make a maiden become even more beautiful and will also fill their heart with compassion. A creature known as women is a big lump of mystery after all. Now you know right Anri? That's why the difference between Therese and Rebecca are not something crucial"
"Now I understand. In short, Master wants to develop Therese-sama's breast from level 0 right?"

"That's right. Just thinking about the fruit that you worked so hard to grow, that is also a different concept about it but -- it is a good thing all the same"

[Thank you for teaching me]

Anrietta bows as she says her tanks to Renya. She then leaves Renya side to take a drink from the table.

The atmosphere around the place is getting even weirder but Renya has already decided to go all in.

He then walks closer to Therese who is still dumbfounded by what he said:

"I personally think that Therese is already cute enough as she is and I like it. But, if you still feel troubled by it, I have readied myself and will take the responsibility to help you grow your oppai even bigger you know?"

He just said something very stupid with all serious attitude.

"..... Err, Renya-oniisan"

"..... What is it?"

"..... I think that sometimes, drawing back is also a form of courage desu"

"Actually, I also think of it that way....."

He missed his chance to draw back and overdo himself too much.

He is aware of that fact but he already caught with the moment and unable to stop,

He started to really think of the reason why he didn't step on the brake when he feels the danger.

But even so, Therese troubled expression and wry smile made the atmosphere around the place to brighten up a bit. That is really fortune within misfortune. After apologizing to Therese and patting her head, he is going to eat more of Elvira's monster meat diced steaks but suddenly, Therese tugs on his sleeve.

"N? What is it Therese?"

"Err..... please bend down for a bit desu. Secret talk desu"

"Okay, so what is it?"

Just as Therese ask him, Renya bends his back to lowers his head so that his head would be on the same height as Therese's

"..... Oniisan, are you even alright with the current me desuka?"

"..... In what meaning?"

“..... E, err..... you know..... T-to do th-the thing that, you do with, the 3 oneesan, desu”

“..... A, Aaa. Honestly said — I’m alright with it, no problem”

In this world standard, girls Therese age could already be legally married. And if they can marry then — the thing that is included in that marriage is also becomes legal.

“The-then you know..... Please help me develop my breast like you said earlier, desu. I, I will w-wo-work hard!”

After saying that much, Therese screams shyly as she running away in full speed from Renya. Rebecca who still calmly chowing the food looks a bit confused looking at her friend weird antics. While Renya himself is:

“..... Oi oi, that one destructive power is really beyond dangerous isn’t it?”

Getting left behind by himself with his heart throbbed wildly after being lead around by a little girl far younger than him.